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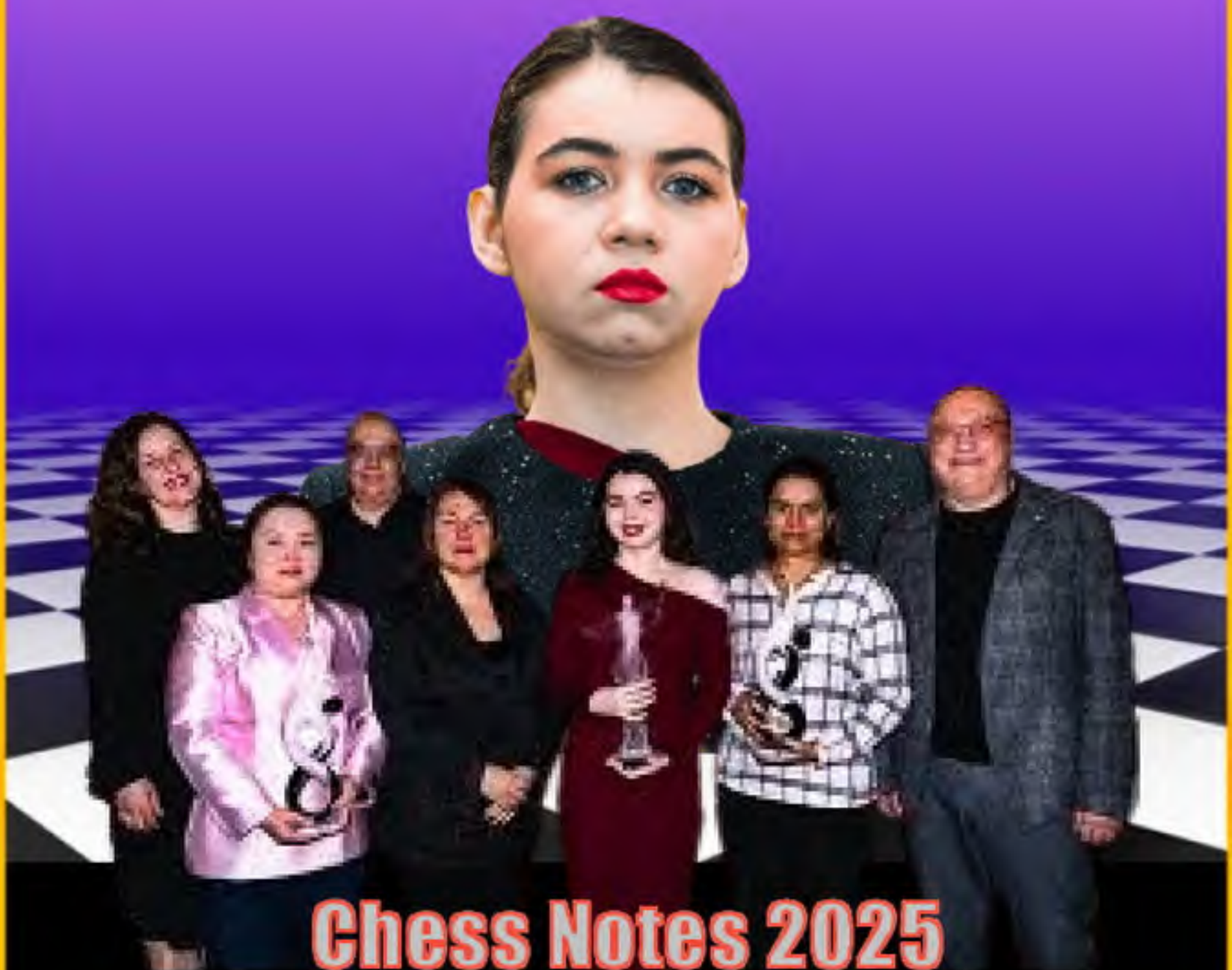

Chess Notes 2025

1 **A32**
□ **Paehtz,Elisabeth** **2427**
■ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2546**
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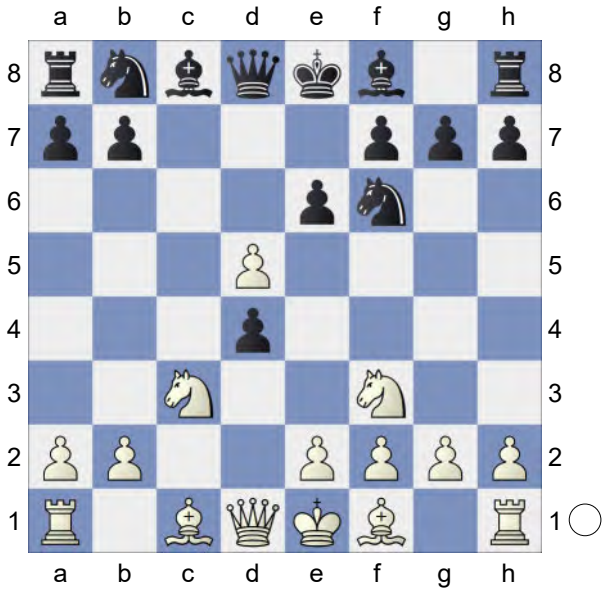
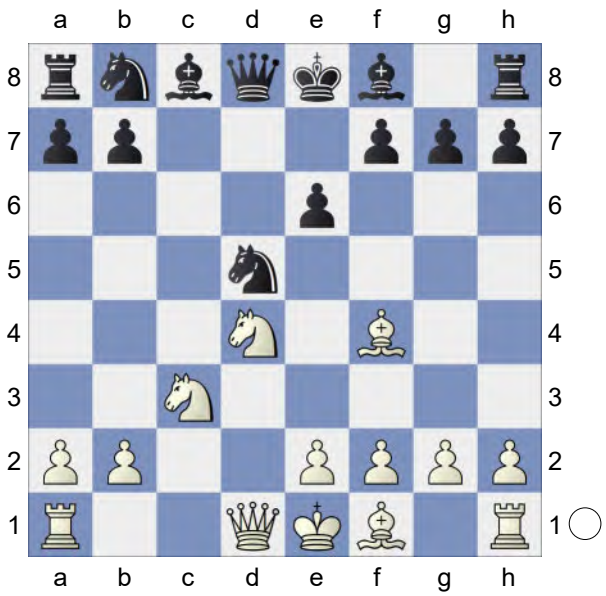
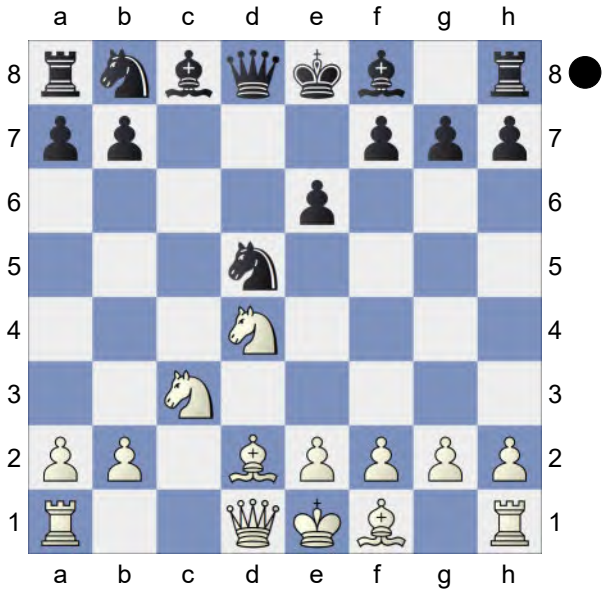
A32: Symmetrical English: 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 e6 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 c5 5.cxd5 cxd4**



6.Nxd4 Nxd5 7.Bd2 Nf6N
[7...Be7 8.e3 *(8.e4 Nxc3 9.Bxc3 0-0 10.Be2 Qb6 11.Qb3 Rd8 12.Qxb6 axb6 13.a3 Na6 14.Bxa6 Rxa6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rfd1 Raa8 17.f3 e5 18.Nf5 Bc5+ 19.Kf1 g6 20.Ng3 f6 21.Ke1 Ba4 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8* 0-1 Ferri,S (2743)-Sudgen,J (2770) (3... ♘g4) 1990 (2.33) *)* 8...0-0 9.Be2 e5 10.Nxd5 Qxd5 11.Nb5 Na6 12.0-0 Qe6 13.Bc3 f6 14.b3 Qb6 15.Qe1 Be6 16.Ba5 Qc6 17.Rc1 Qe8 18.Qd2 b6 19.Bc3 Qg6 20.Rfd1 Kh8 21.Qe1 h6 22.Qf1 1-0 Brynell,S (2397)-Pedersen,D (2142) Copenhagen CC GM Ballerup 2023 (7)]
8.Bf4 Nd5 9.Bd2 Nf6 10.Bf4 Nd5



11.Bd2



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2 **B32**
□ **Munguntuul,Batkhuyag** **2331**
■ **Dronavalli,Harika** **2489**
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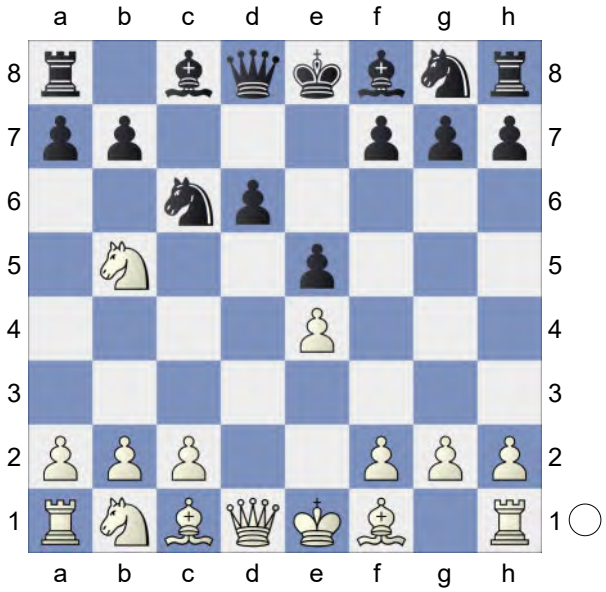
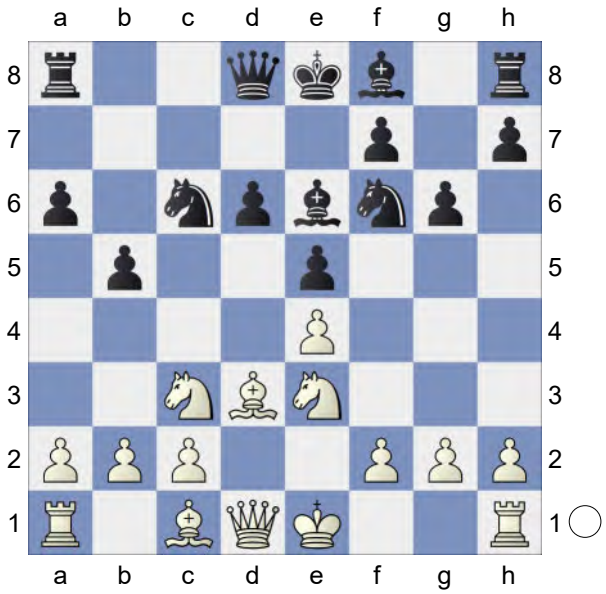
B32: Sicilian: Löwenthal and Kalashnikov Variations **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6**



6.N1c3 a6 7.Na3 Be6 8.Nc4 b5 9.Ne3 Nf6 10.Bd3 g6

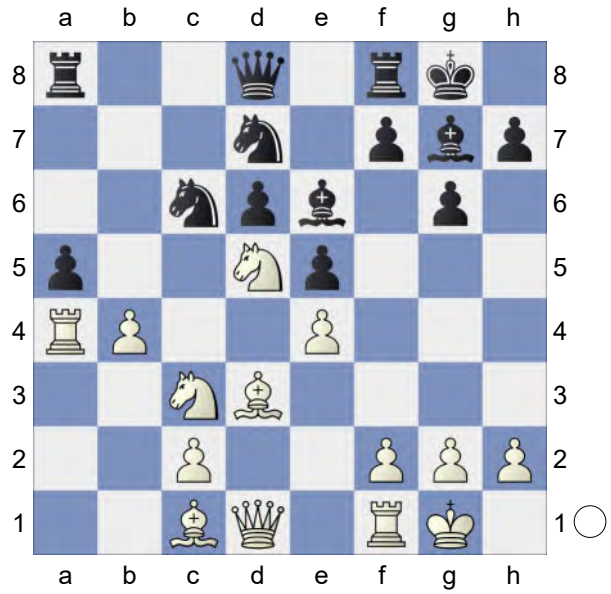


11.Ned5N

[11.0-0 Bg7 12.a4 *(12.Bd2 0-0 13.a4 b4 14.Ncd5 a5 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.c3 bxc3 17.bxc3 Rb8 18.Rb1 Ne7 19.Bc4 Qd7 20.Bb5 Qa7 21.Qe2 Rfd8 22.c4 Bg7 23.Nd5 Bxd5 24.cxd5 f5 25.Be3 Qa8 26.f3 h6* ½-½ Aabling Thomsen,J (1632)-Forgues,F (1760) V0027 www.desc-online.de 1999 (4)*)* 12...b4 13.Ncd5 0-0 14.Nxf6+ *(14.a5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Nd4 16.Bd2 e4 17.Be2 b3 18.cxb3 Nd7 19.Bc3 Nxe2+ 20.Qxe2 f5 21.Nc4 Nc5 22.Bb4 Nd3 23.Bxd6 Re8 24.Rad1 Rc8 25.Qe3 g5 26.Qb6 Qd7 27.f3 Red8 28.fxe4 fxe4* 1-0 KID: King's Knight Variation,4 (2440)-6. ♗d2 c5_54370 (2569) Burgas Black Sea 2012*)* 14...Bxf6 15.Bc4 Bg5 16.Bd5 Rc8 17.c3 bxc3 18.bxc3 Na5 19.Qd3 Nb3 20.Bxb3 Bxb3 21.Ba3 Rc6 22.a5 Qc8 23.Bb4 Qe6 24.Rfb1 f5 25.exf5 gxf5 0-1 Martinez,J (2328)-Fedoseev,V (2683) ESP-chT Rapid Ubeda 2023 (6.1)]
[11.a4 b4 12.Ncd5 Bg7 13.Bd2 a5 14.Bb5 Rc8 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.0-0 0-0 17.c3 bxc3 18.bxc3 Bg5 19.Qe2 Nb8 *(19...Ne7 20.Rad1 Qc7 21.c4 Nc6 22.Bc3 Bxe3 23.Qxe3 Nb4 24.Bb2 Qb8 25.Rc1 Na2 26.Rc2 Nb4 27.Rcc1 Na2 28.Ra1 Nb4 29.Rfc1 Rc5 30.Ba3 Rfc8 31.Qb3 Qb7 32.f3 Qc7 33.Bxb4 axb4 34.Qxb4* 1-0 Deac,B (2635)-Theodorou,N (2535) Wch Rapid New York 2024 (7)*)* 20.Rab1 Nd7 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.exd5 Bxd2 23.Qxd2 Nc5 24.Bc6 g5 25.Rb5 Nxa4 ½-½ Van Foreest,J (2651)-Theodorou,N (2535) Wch Rapid New York 2024 (12)]

11...Bg7 White has an edge. **12.0-0 Nd7 13.b4 0-0 14.a4 bxa4! 15.Rxa4**

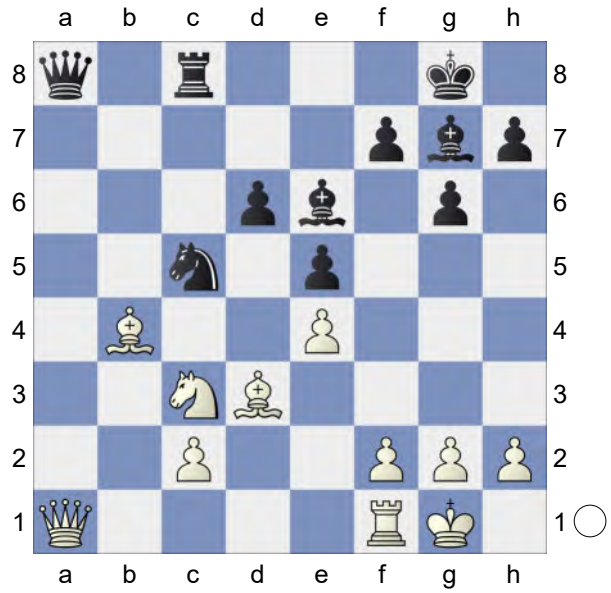
a5!



16.Ba3 -0.37/24

[White should play 16.b5= 0.25/20 Nd4 17.Ba3]

16...axb4∓ 17.Nxb4 Nxb4 18.Rxa8 Qxa8 19.Bxb4 Rc8 20.Qa1 Nc5



21.Qxa8! Rxa8 22.Be2 Rb8 23.Ba3 Ra8 24.Bb4 Rb8 25.Ba3 Rc8

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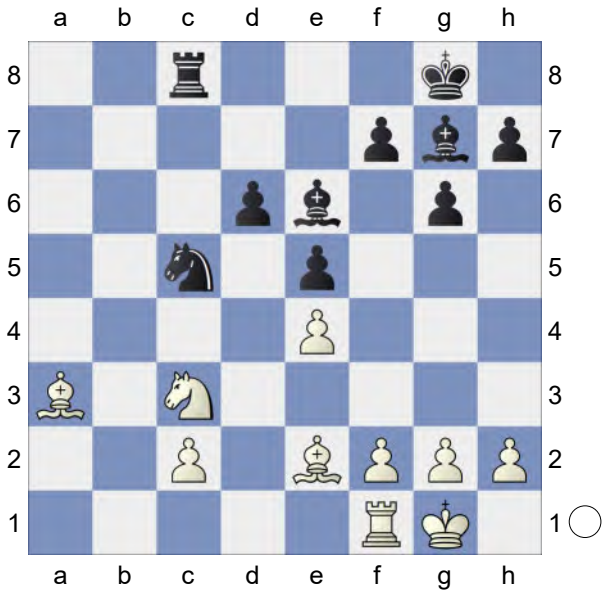
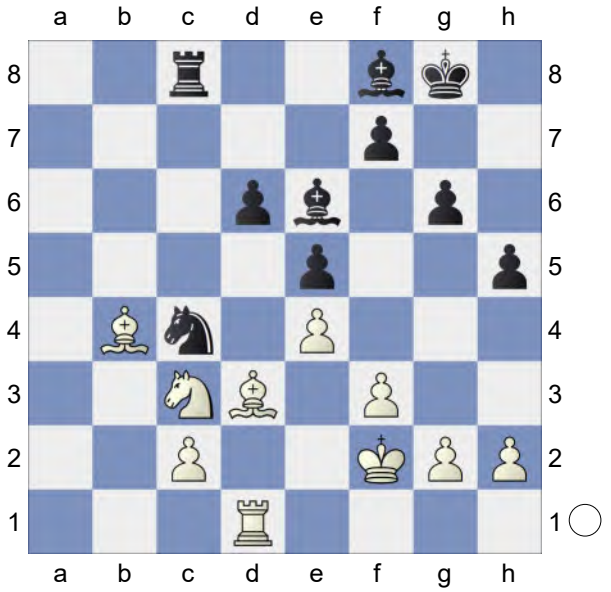


26.Rd1 Bf8 27.f3 Nd7 28.Bb4

The position is equal. **28...Nb6 29.Kf2 h5 30.Bd3 Nc4**



31.Be2 Nb6 32.Bd3 Bc4 33.Ke2 Be6 34.Kf2

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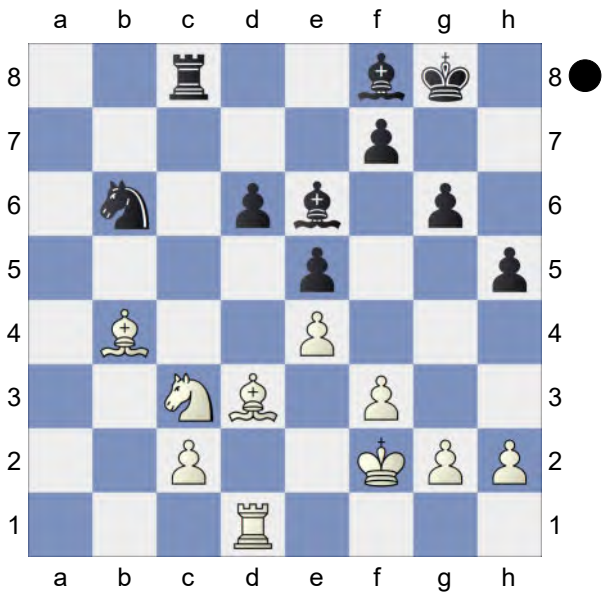

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3 **E94**
□ **Kosteniuk,Alexandra** **2484**
■ **Assaubayeva,Bibisara** **2492**
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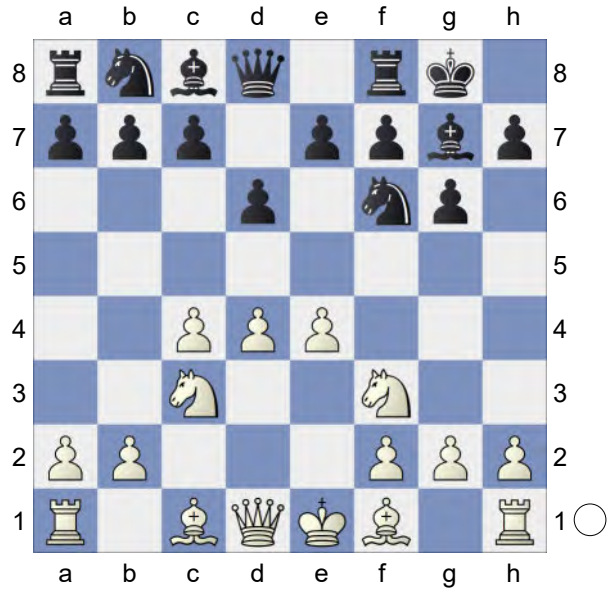
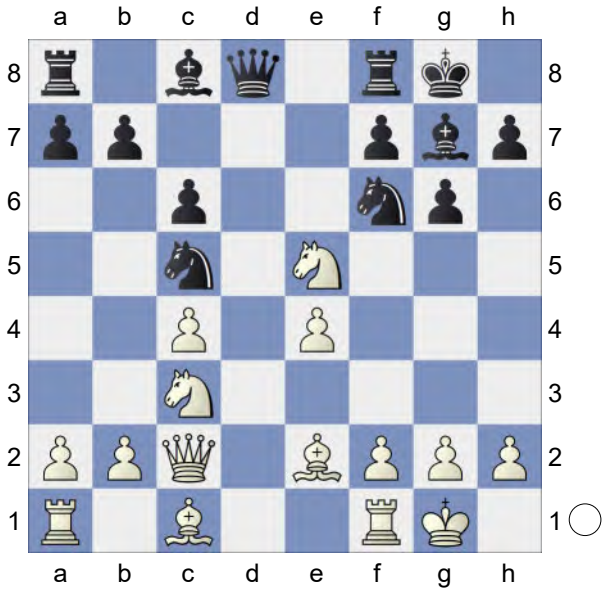
[Kitty Kat]

E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves Akobian, V: 'Inf 85/476' **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0**



6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Na6 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Qc2N
[9.Nxe5 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 Bxe5=]
[9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.Bg5 Re8 11.Nd2 c6 12.Nb3 Nc7 13.Rfd1 Ne6 14.Be3 Nf4 15.Bf3 h5 16.Na5 Ng4 17.Bxg4 hxg4 18.b4 Ne6 19.b5 Nd4 20.Nb3 Rd8 21.Rd2 Be6 22.bxc6 bxc6 23.Rad1 Bxc4 3 Chapter-Games Chapter 21 Game 24.Nxd4 exd4 25.Bxd4 Bh6 26.Rb2 f5 27.exf5 gxf5 28.Rb4 Bf7 29.h3 gxh3 30.gxh3 Bh5 31.Rdb1 Bd2 32.Be5 Re8 33.R1b2 Be1 34.Bf6 Kf7 35.Bd4 Rad8 36.Rc2 Bf3 37.Rb7+ Kg6 38.Be3 Rg8 0-1 Akobian,V (2662)-Caruana,F (2799) Douglas IoM op 2017 (9) 39.Rb1 Kh7+ 40.Kf1 Rg7 41.h4 Rg4 42.Bg5 Re8 43.Rb7+ Kg8 44.Re7 Rxe7 45.Bxe7 Bxc3 46.Rxc3 Bd5 47.Rg3 Bxa2 48.Rxg4+ fxg4 49.Ke2 Kf7 50.Bc5 a5 51.Ke3 ½-½ Akobian,V (2480)-Smirin,I (2685) 85/476 Philadelphia 2002]
9...c6 0.86/20
[9...Nb4= 0.30/20 remains equal. 10.Qb3 Nc6]
10.Nxe5± Nc5



11.Be3 White is better. **11...Qe7 12.f4 Ncxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4** Black must now prevent c5. **14...f6 15.b4**
[15.g4!?]
15...Re8 1.05/24
[15...fxe5?! 16.Bc5 Qe8 17.Bxf8+-]
[15...Bf5± 0.47/23 16.Qf3 fxe5]

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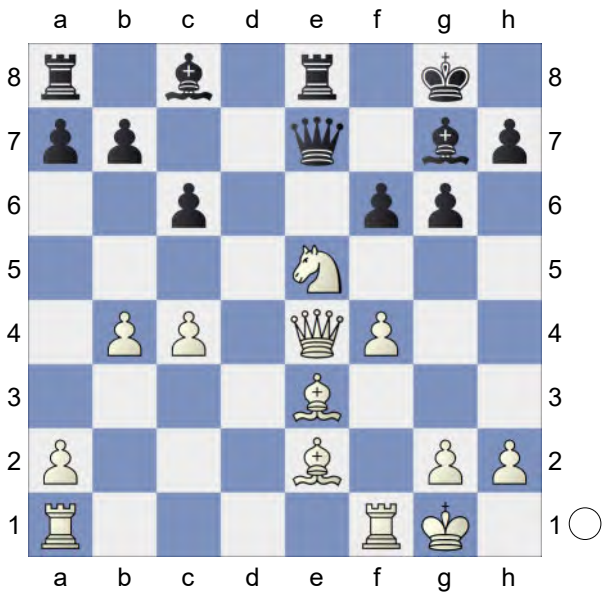
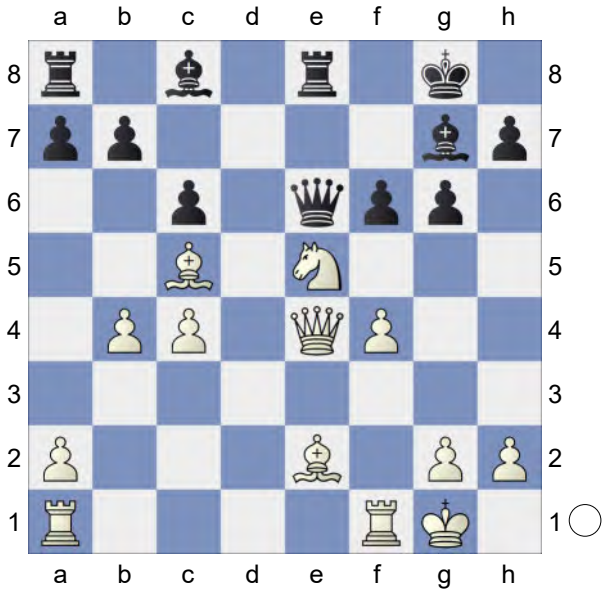


16.Bc5 Qe6



Pin **17.h3!** Threatens to win with Rae1!
17...fxe5 18.Bg4 Qf6 19.f5 b6 20.Be3 Rf8

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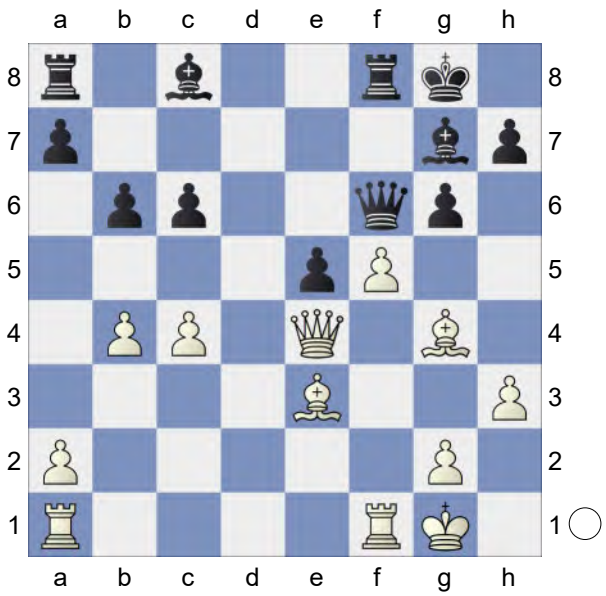
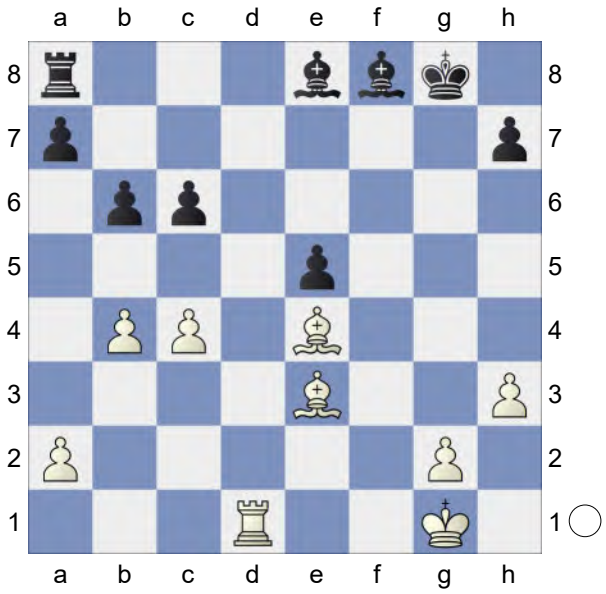


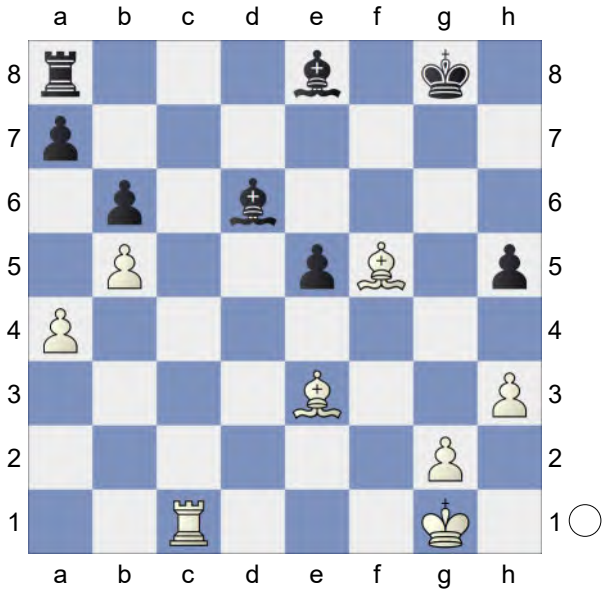
21.fxg6 Qxg6 22.Rxf8+
[22.Qxg6 simplifies hxg6 23.Rxf8+ Bxf8 24.Bf3]
22...Bxf8 23.Bf3
[23.Qxe5? too greedy. Bg7 *(23...Bxb4? 24.Bd4+-)* 24.Qf4 Bxa1-+]
23...Qxe4 24.Bxe4 Bd7 25.Rd1 Be8



26.b5 White is much more active.
26...Rc8 27.Bf5 Ra8 28.a4 cxb5 1.18/23
[⌓28...Be7 0.77/22]
29.cxb5

[Don't play 29.axb5 Bf7+-]

29...h5 30.Rc1 Bd6



Repels Rc7 **31.g4** 0.84/24

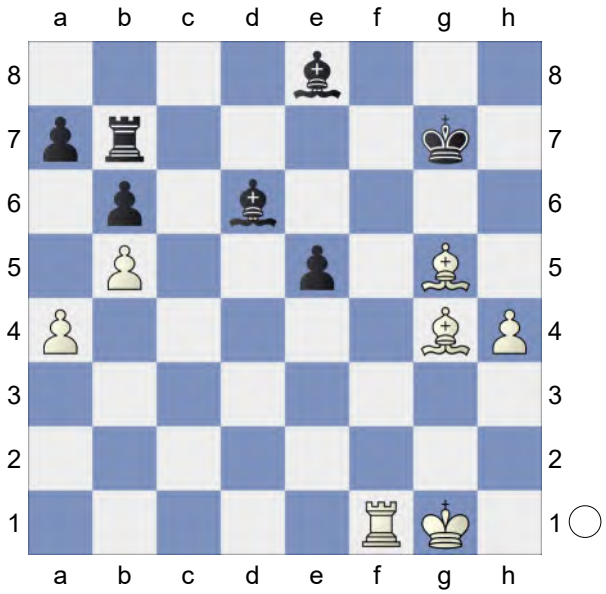
[Better is 31.Kf2 1.23/22]

31...hxg4 32.Bxg4 Kg7 33.h4 Rd8 34.Bg5 Rb8 35.Rf1 0.15/22

[White should play 35.Rd1± 0.70/21 Bc5+ 36.Kh2]

35...Rb7 0.66/24

[35...Bg6= 0.15/22]



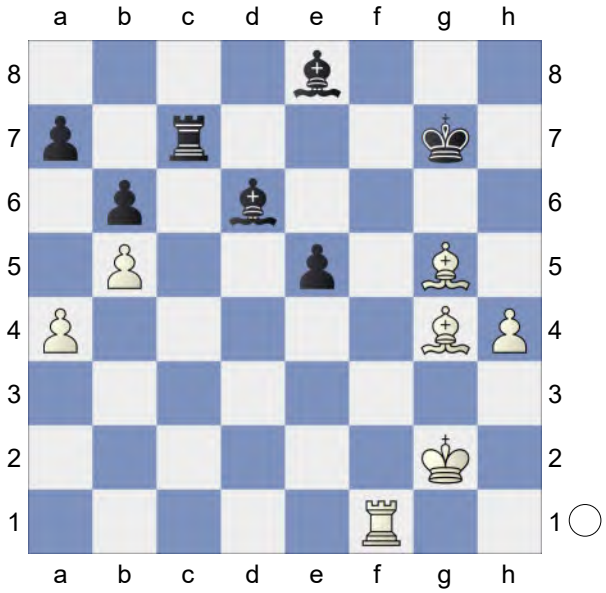
36.Bf6+ 0.24/24

[36.h5± 0.66/24]

36...Kh6 37.Bg5+ Kg7! 38.Bf6+ -0.01/21

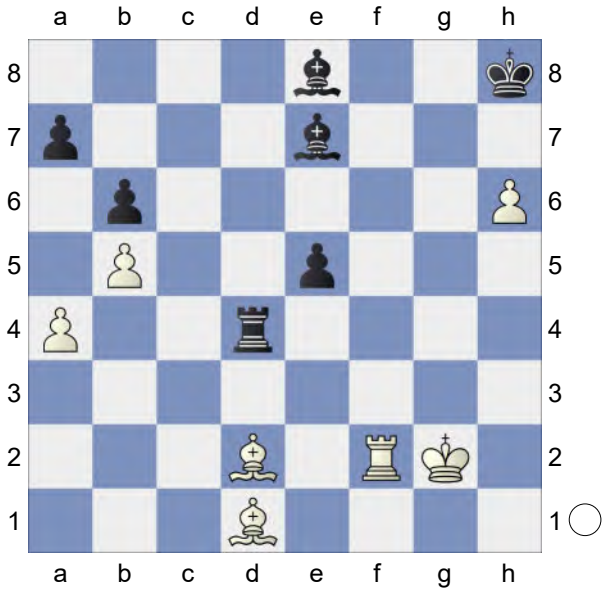
[38.h5± 0.58/23]

38...Kh6= 39.Kg2 Rc7 40.Bg5+ Kg7



41.h5 Hoping for h6+. **41...Be7 42.Bd2 Rc2 43.Rf2** aiming for Bh6+! **43...Rc4! 44.Bd1 Rd4 45.h6+ Kh8** 0.55/25

[45...Kh7= -0.01/26]



46.Bc2± Rg4+

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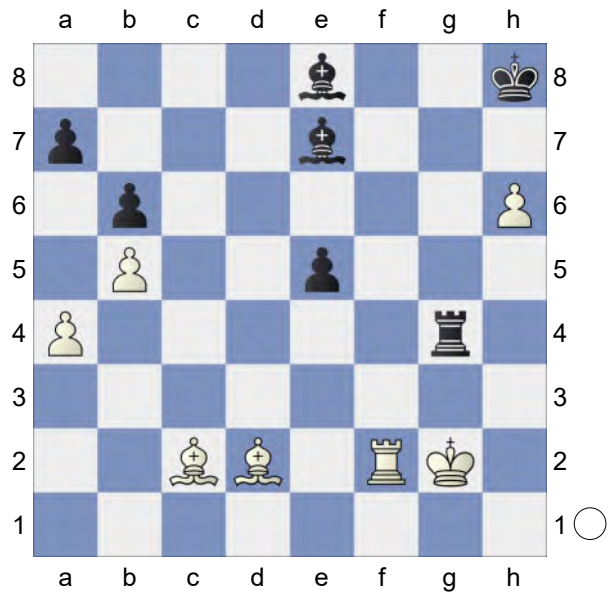
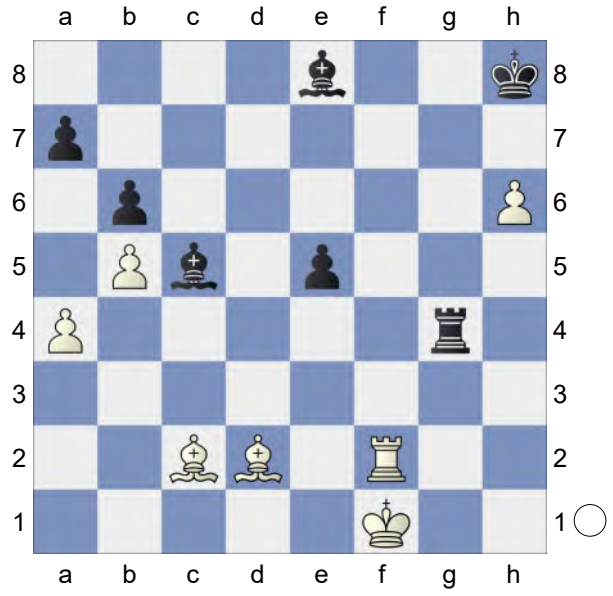


47.Kf1! Bc5



48.Bc3! Bg6 49.Bxg6
[49.Bxe5+ Kh7 50.Bxg6+ Rxg6±]
49...Rxg6 50.Bxe5+ Endgame. KRB-KRB **50...Kh7**

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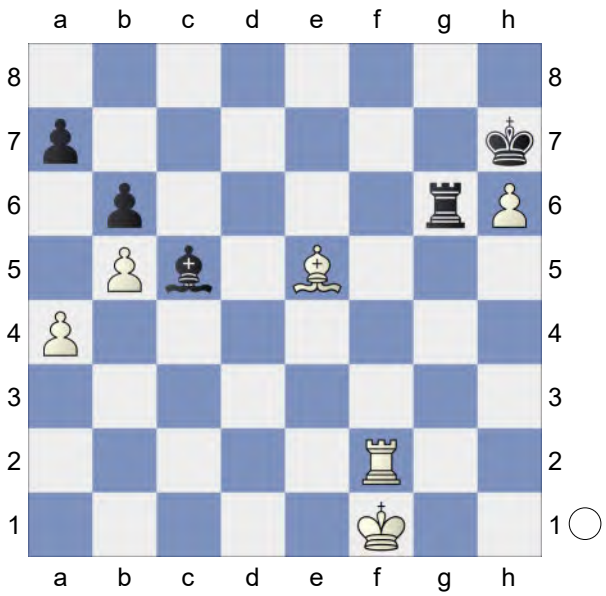
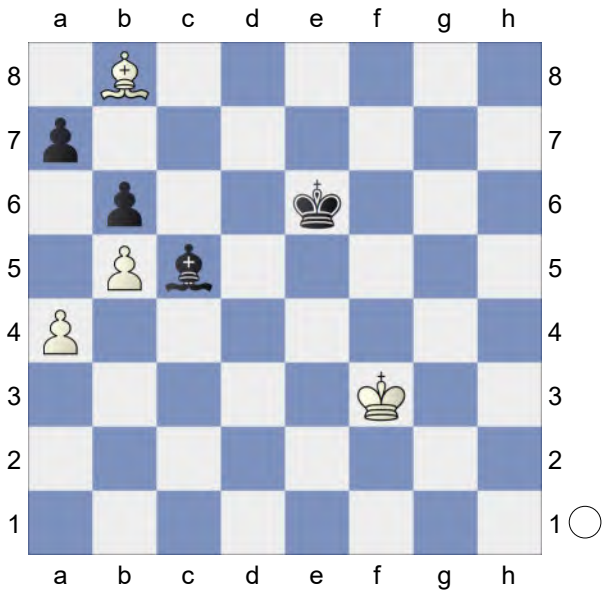


51.Rg2 Rxg6 is the strong threat.
51...Kxh6 52.Bf4+ Kg7 53.Bb8 Rxg2! 54.Kxg2= KB-KB **54...Kf7** The position is equal. **55.Kf3 Ke6**



56.Ke4 Kd7 57.Kd5 Kc8 58.Be5 Kb7 59.a5 a6

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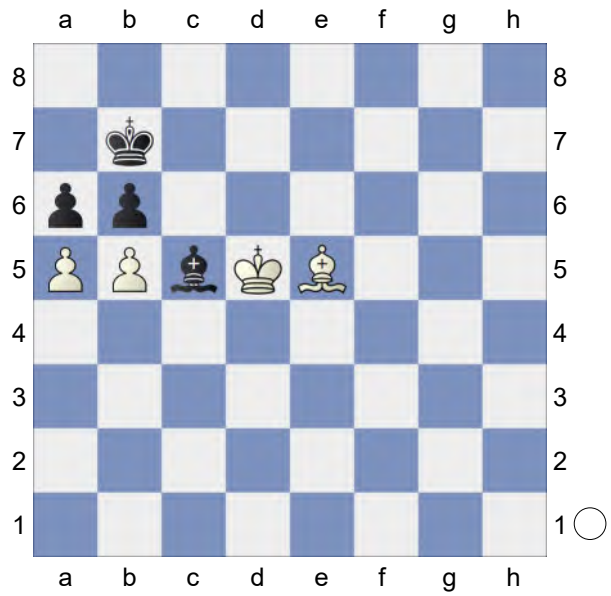

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4 **E62**
□ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2561**
■ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2515**
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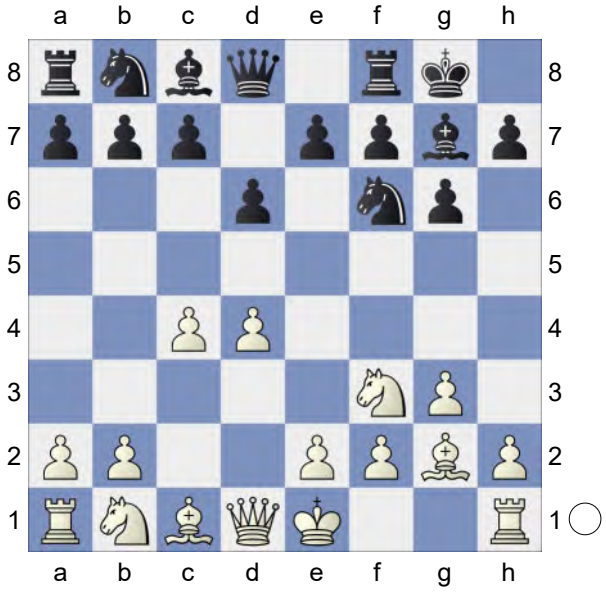
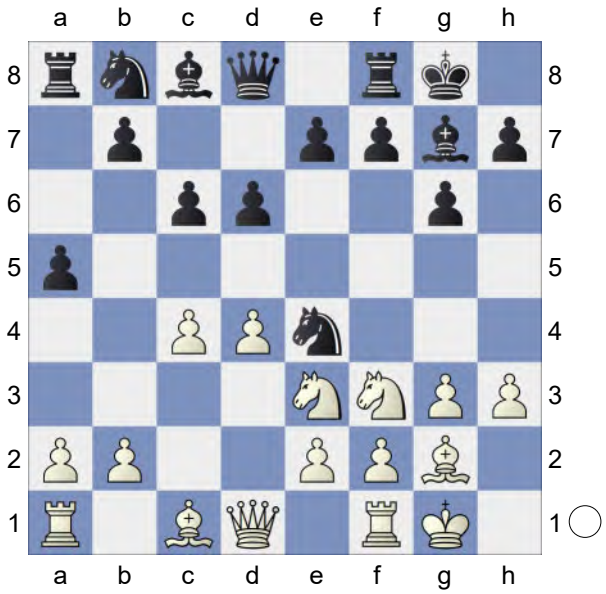
E62: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c6 and Panno Variation (6...Nc6) without ... a6 Ding Liren plays a very unusual move in on of the main lines of the Panno variation. There is a sneaky idea involved, but when its implementation is mistimed, White seizes the initiative with an exchange sacrifice. Ding Liren plays a very unusual move in on of the main lines of the Panno variation. There is a sneaky idea involved, but when its implementation is mistimed, White seizes the initiative with an exchange sacrifice. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nf3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 0-0**



6.Nc3 a5
[6...Nc6 7.0-0 a6 8.b3 Rb8 9.Nd5 Nd7 10.e4 e6 11.Ne3 Nc5 12.dxc5 Bxa1 13.cxd6 Bc3 14.Ba3 Bb4 15.Bxb4 Nxb4 16.e5 Nc6 17.Qd2 cxd6 18.exd6 e5 19.Rd1 Be6 20.h4 f6 21.c5 1-0 Wang,H (2722)-Ding,L (2547) ch-CHN Xinghua CHN 2010 (1)]
7.0-0 Bf5 8.h3N 0.06/21
[8.Re1⩲ 0.42/19]
[8.Ne1 Nc6 9.e4 Bd7 10.Nc2 e5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Nd5 Ne8 13.b3 Nd6 14.Ba3 Nd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Bc5 Bc6 17.Bxd4 Bxd5 18.cxd5 Re8 19.Re1 a4 20.Rc1 axb3 21.axb3 f6 22.Qc2 Re7 0-1 Batsuren,D (2531)-Fressinet,L (2588) Wch Blitz New York 2024 (7)]
8...Ne4= 9.Nd5 c6 10.Ne3 Bc8



11.Qd3 Nf6 0.37/19
[11...f5= -0.09/20 should be considered.]
12.b3 e5 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Bb2 e4 15.Qxd8 Rxd8

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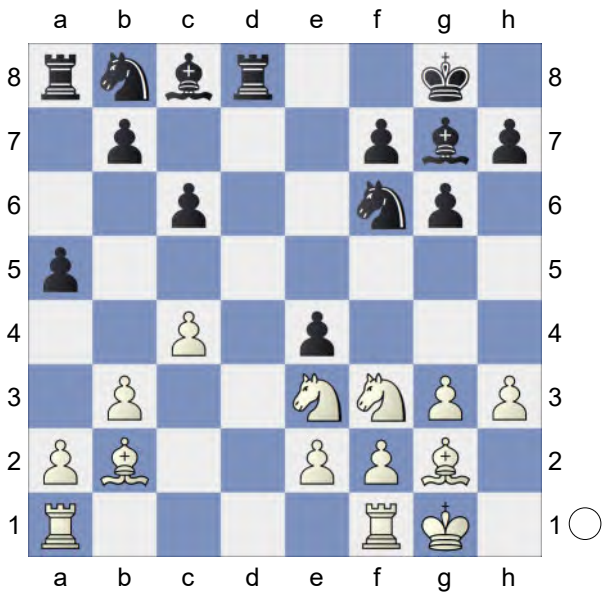
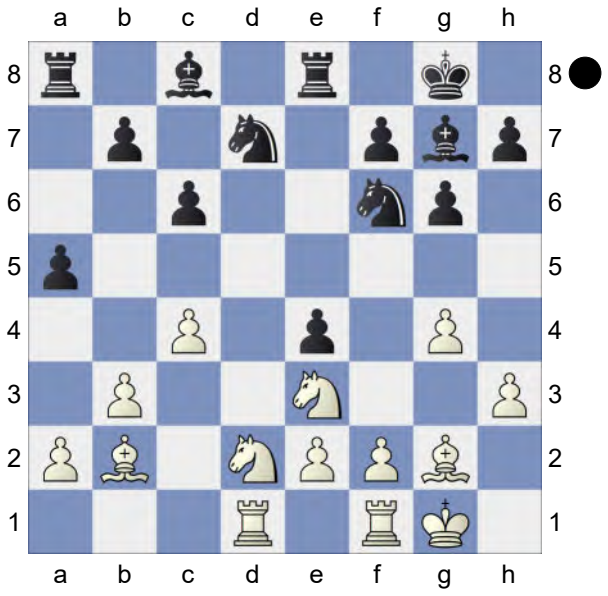
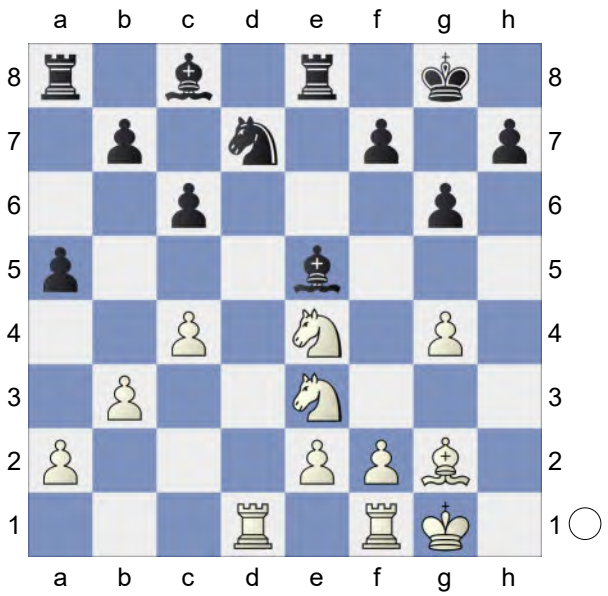


16.Rad1 Re8
[16...Rxd1? 17.Rxd1 Nbd7 18.Nd2+- *(18.Ng5 h6±)*]
17.Nd2 Nbd7 18.g4 -0.01/22
[18.a3± 0.47/20]

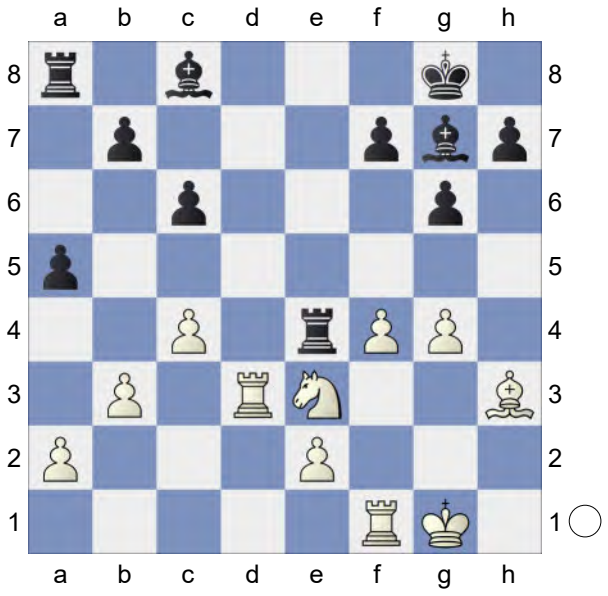


18...Nxg4! Discovered Attack **19.hxg4 Bxb2 20.Nxe4 Be5**
[20...Kg7 keeps more tension. 21.g5 Ba3 22.Ng4 Nc5]

(Diagram)

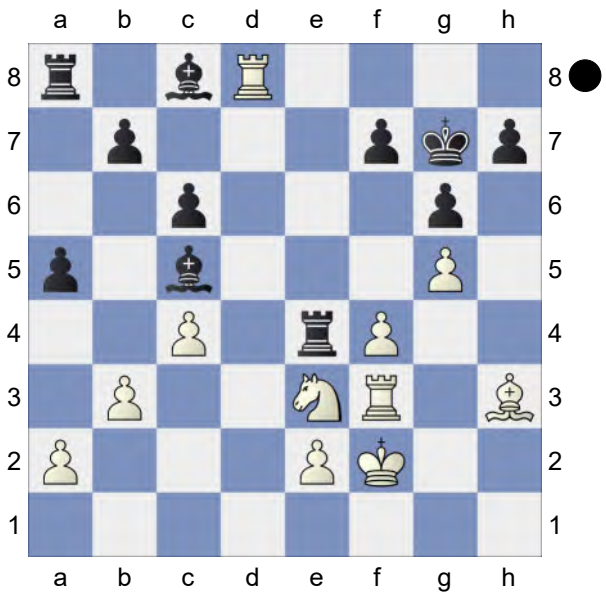


21.f4 Bg7 22.Rd3 Nf6
[22...Bf8!?]
23.Nd6 Black must now prevent g5.
23...Re7 24.Bh3 And now Nxc8 would win. **24...Ne4 25.Nxe4 Rxe4**

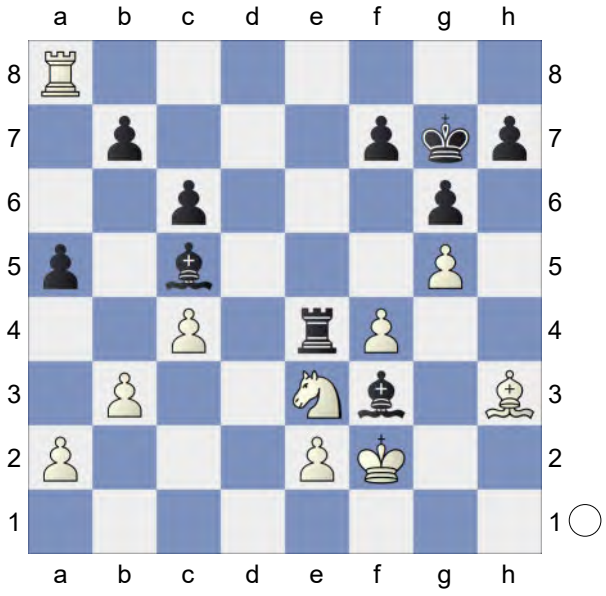


26.Rd8+ Bf8 27.Rf3 Kg7
[27...Bxg4? 28.Nxg4 *(28.Rxa8 Bxf3 29.exf3 Rxe3∓)* 28...Rxd8 29.Nf6+ Kg7 30.Nxe4+-]
28.g5 Strongly threatening f5. **28...Bc5 29.Kf2**

(Diagram)



Bg4 Discovered Attack **30.Rxa8 Bxf3**



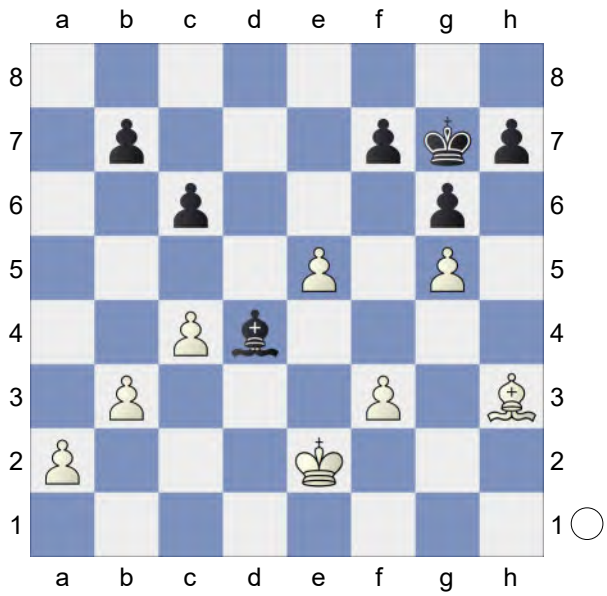
This pair of bishops is nice. **31.Rxa5 Bd4**

[31...Bxe3+ 32.Kxf3 Re8 33.Bd7±]

32.exf3 Bxe3+ Endgame. KRB-KRB **33.Ke2 Re7 34.Re5 Rxe5 35.fxe5±** KB-KB **35...Bd4** 1.33/26

[Better is 35...Bxg5± 0.52/26 36.c5 f5]

(Diagram)

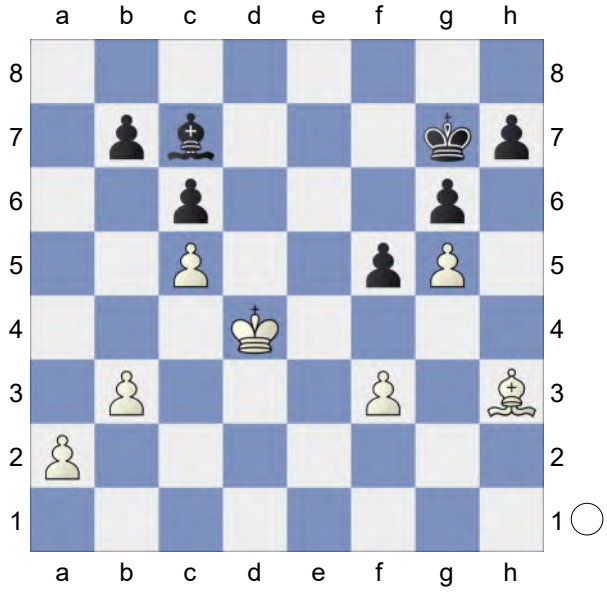


36.Kd3 0.95/24

[White should try 36.f4 1.33/26]

36...Bxe5± 37.c5 Hoping for Bc8.

37...Bc7 38.Kd4 f5



39.gxf6+! Kxf6 40.Bc8 b6

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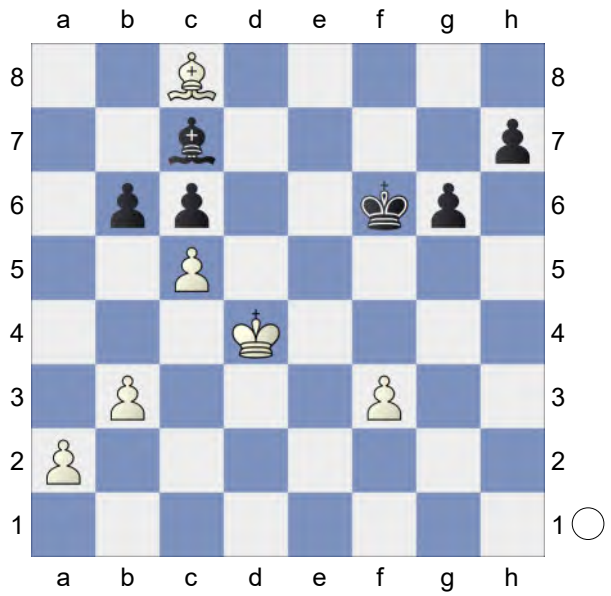
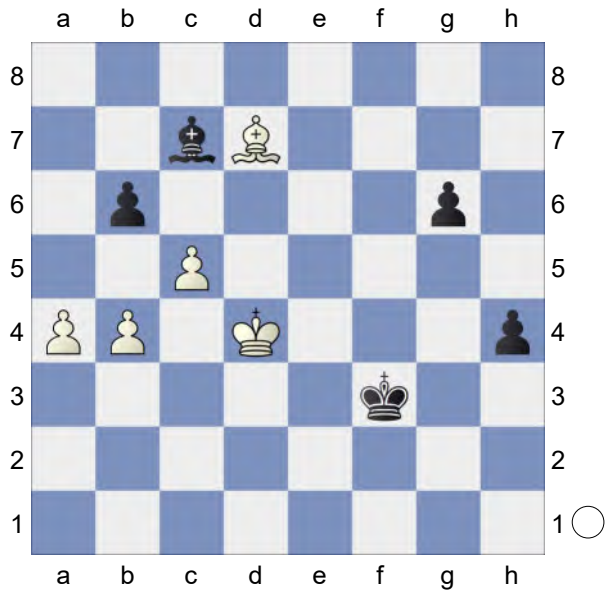
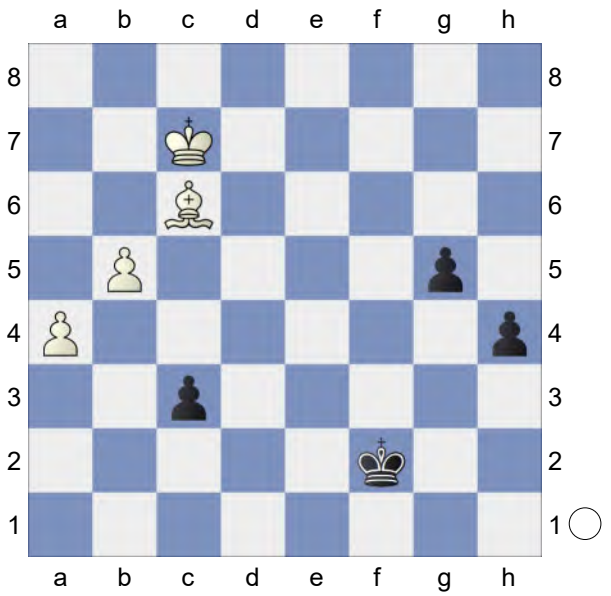


41.Bd7 h5 42.Bxc6 Kf5! 43.b4 Kf4 44.a4 h4 45.Bd7 Kxf3
[45...bxc5+? 46.Kxc5 h3 47.Bxh3+-]



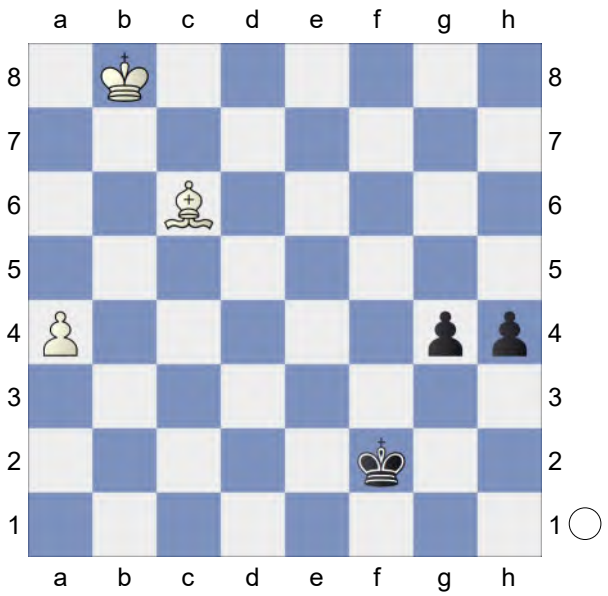
46.b5 g5 47.Kd5 bxc5! 48.Kc6 c4 1.02/22 **49.Kxc7** KB-K3P **49...c3 50.Bc6+**
[50.b6!? c2□ 51.Bc6+ Kf2 52.b7=]
50...Kf2

(Diagram)

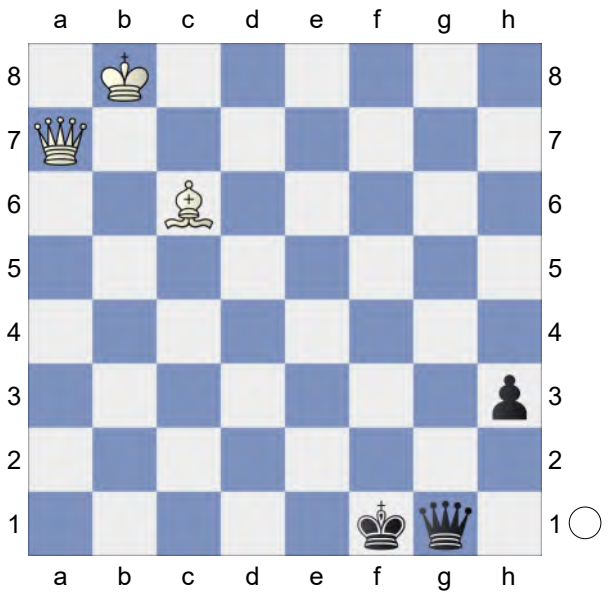


51.b6 0.01/24
[51.a5!± 0.51/24 c2 52.a6]
51...c2⇄ Black puts up resistance **52.b7**
[52.Kd7!? c1Q□ *(52...c1B? 53.b7+-)* 53.b7=]
52...c1Q 53.b8Q
[53.b8B? h3 54.Kb6 Qb2+ 55.Kc7 g4-+]
53...Qf4+ 54.Kb7 aiming for Qa7+.
[54.Kc8!? Qf8+□ 55.Kb7 Qb4+ 56.Ka8 Qa5+ 57.Kb7 *(57.Qa7+ Qxa7+ 58.Kxa7 h3=)* 57...Qb4+ 58.Bb5 Qe7+ 59.Kb6 Qe3+ 60.Ka6 Qe6+ 61.Ka7 Qe3+ 62.Kb7 Qe7+ 63.Qc7 Qxc7+ 64.Kxc7=]
54...Qxb8+
[54...Qb4+ is interesting. 55.Bb5 Qe7+ 56.Kc6 Qe6+]
55.Kxb8 White wants to mate with a5.
KB-KPP **55...g4**

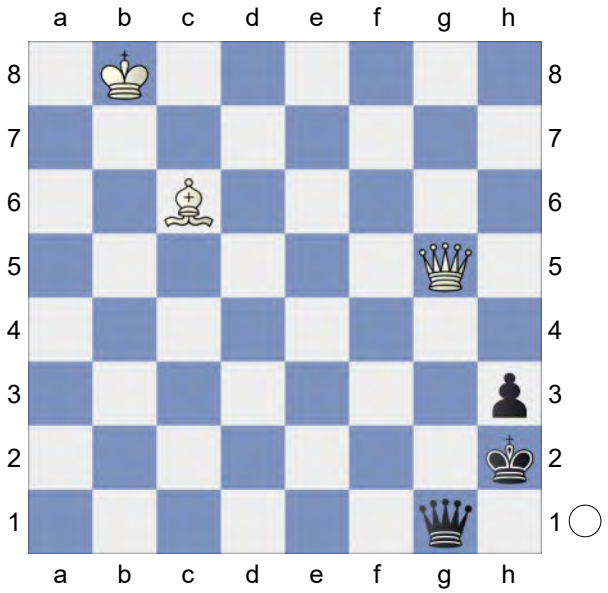
(Diagram)



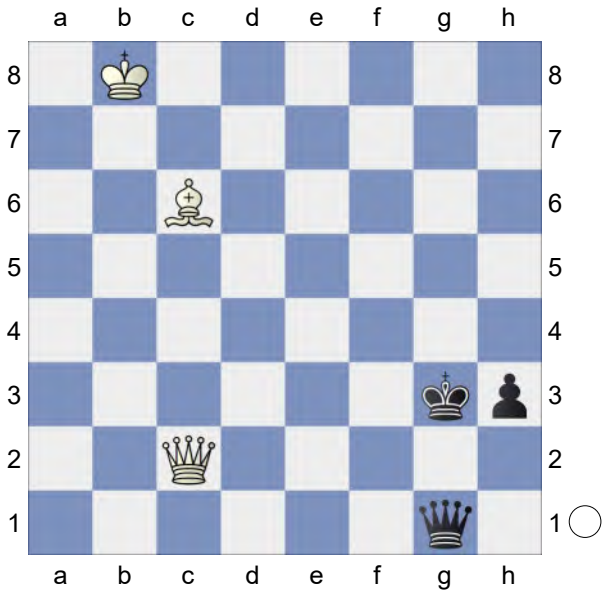
56.a5 Threatening mate with a6. **56...g3 57.a6**
[57.Bd5!? h3□ 58.a6=]
57...h3 58.a7 g2 59.a8Q Qa7+ would kill now.
[59.a8B g1Q *(59...g1R 60.Bd7∓)* 60.Kc7 Ke3-+]
59...g1Q 60.Qa7+ Kf1



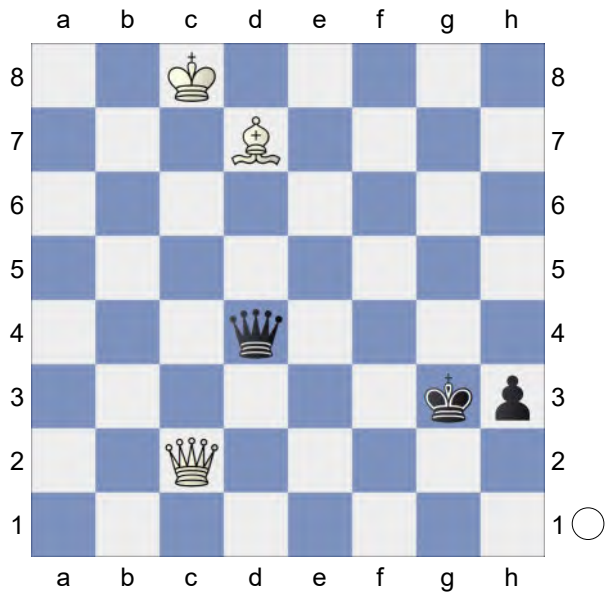
61.Qa1+ Kf2 62.Qd4+ Kf1 63.Qd3+ Kf2 64.Qd2+ 0.44/5
[64.Qf3+= 0.07/23 Ke1 65.Qc3+ *(65.Qxh3 Qb6+ 66.Bb7 Qd8+ 67.Bc8 Qb6+ 68.Bb7 Qd8+ 69.Bc8 Qb6+ 70.Ka8 Qc6+ 71.Ka7 Qc7+ 72.Ka6 Qc6+ 73.Ka5 Qc5+ 74.Ka6 Qc6+ 75.Ka7 Qc7+ 76.Bb7 Qc5+ 77.Ka6 Qc4+ 78.Kb6 Qb4+ 79.Kc7 Qe7+ 80.Qd7 Qxd7+ 81.Kxd7=)* 65...Kf2 66.Qd4+ *(66.Qxh3 Qg3+ 67.Qxg3+ Kxg3=)* 66...Kf1 67.Qf6+ Qf2 68.Qa1+ Qe1 69.Qb2]
64...Kg3± 65.Qg5+ Kh2



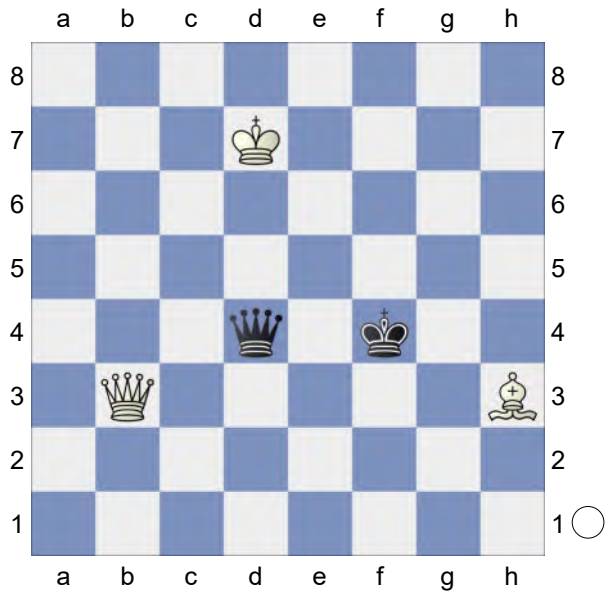
66.Qd2+ Kg3 67.Qd6+ Kh4 68.Qh6+ Kg3 69.Qg6+ Kh2 70.Qc2+ Kg3



71.Qd3+ Kh4 72.Qh7+ Kg3 73.Kc8 Qd4 74.Qc2 Qg4+ 75.Bd7 Qd4



76.Qb3+ Kf4 77.Bxh3 Qc5+ 78.Kb7 Qe7+ 79.Kc6 Qe4+ 80.Kd7 Qd4+

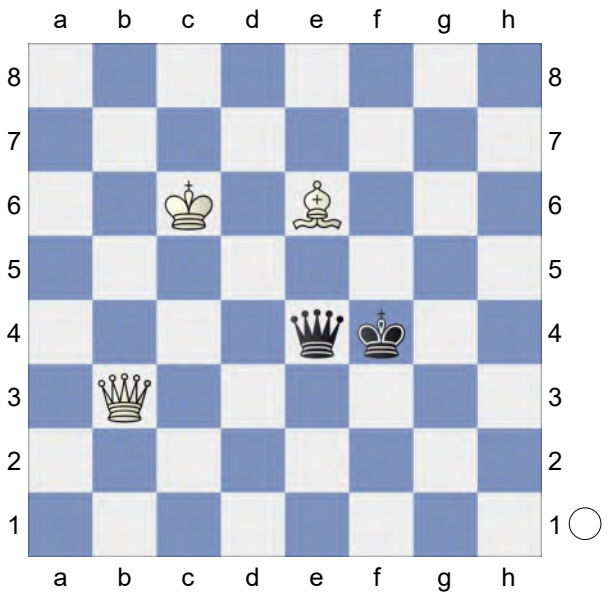


81.Kc8 Qc5+ 82.Kd8 Qf8+ 83.Kd7 Qg7+ 0.44/26

[83...Qc5!= 0.01/26]

84.Kc6 Qd4 85.Be6 Qe4+

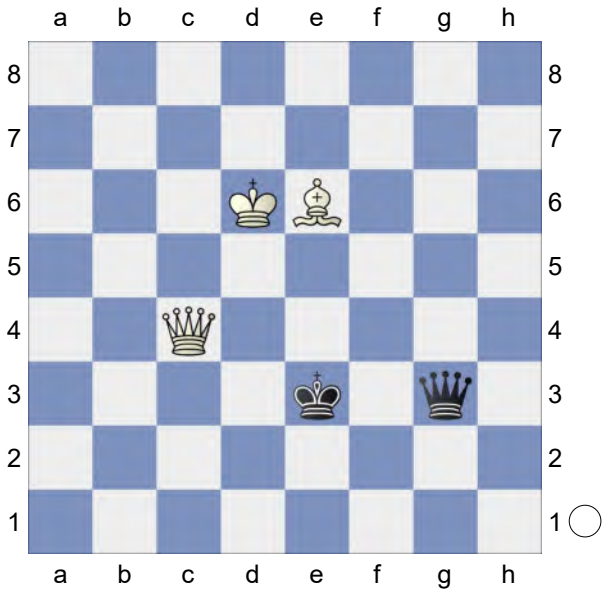
(Diagram)



86.Bd5 Qg6+ 0.48/24

[86...Qe8+= 0.01/24 87.Kd6 Qf8+ 88.Kd7 Ke5]

87.Kc5 Qg1+ 88.Kd6 Qg6+ 89.Be6 Qg3 90.Qc4+ Ke3+



91.Kc6 Qe5 92.Qc1+ Kf2 93.Bd5 0.01/26

[93.Bd7± 0.59/22]

93...Qe8+= 94.Kd6 Qf8+ 0.39/26

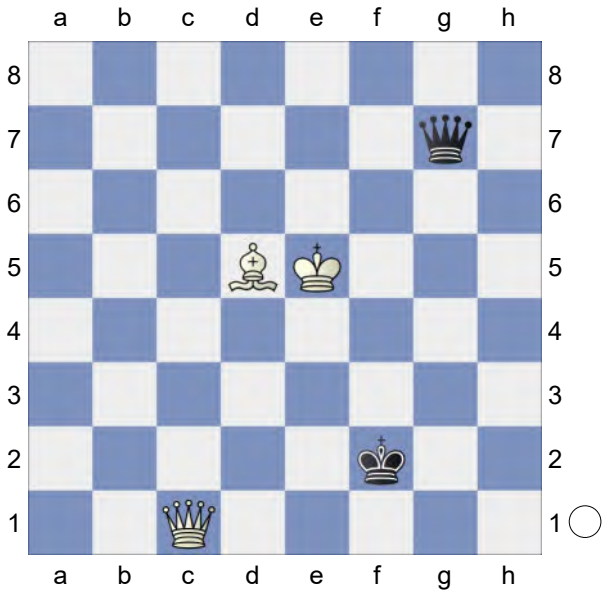
[94...Qd8+= 0.00/27 95.Kc5 Qe7+ 96.Kc6 Qe8+ 97.Kd6 Qd8+ 98.Ke5 Qh8+ 99.Ke4 Qe8+ 100.Kd4 Qh8+ 101.Kc5 Qc8+ 102.Bc6 Qf8+

103.Kb5 Qb8+ 104.Kc4 Qg8+
105.Kc5 Qf8+ 106.Kd5 Qg8+
107.Kd6 Qd8+ 108.Ke6 Qc8+
109.Kf6 Qd8+ 110.Ke5 Qe7+
111.Kd5 Qd8+ 112.Ke6 Qc8+
113.Ke7 Qc7+ 114.Ke8 Qb8+
115.Kf7 Qc7+ 116.Kf8 Qd8+
117.Be8 Qd6+ 118.Kf7 Qd5+
119.Kf8 Qd6+ 120.Kf7 Qd5+
121.Kf8 Qd6+]

95.Ke5 0.01/25

[95.Kd7± 0.39/26]

95...Qg7+

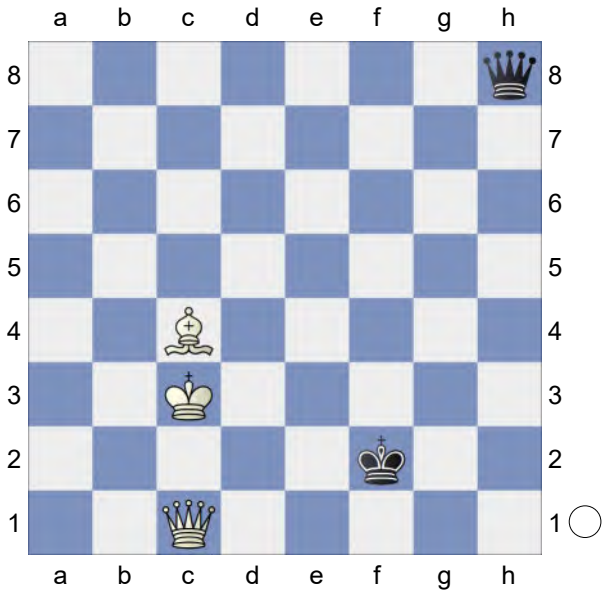


96.Ke4 Qg4+ 97.Kd3 Qg3+ 98.Kd4 Qg4+ 99.Kc3 Qc8+ 0.44/29

[99...Qg3+!= 0.01/24 100.Kd4 Qh4+
101.Kc5 Qe7+ 102.Kd4 Qh4+
103.Ke5 Qh8+ 104.Kf5 Qh5+
105.Ke4 Qh7+ 106.Ke5 Qh8+
107.Ke6 Qe8+ 108.Kf6 Qd8+
109.Ke6 Qe8+ 110.Kd6 Qd8+
111.Kc5 Qe7+ 112.Kd4 Qh4+]

100.Bc4± Qh8+

(Diagram)



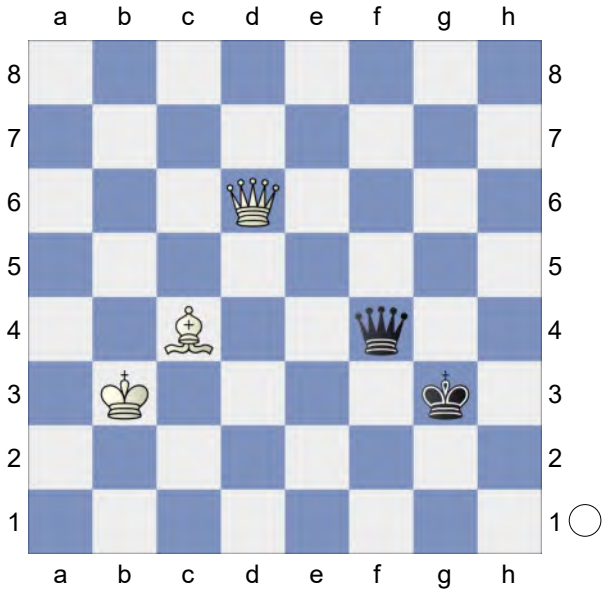
101.Kb3! Qd4 Against Qf4+ **102.Qh1** 0.01/26

[102.Qc2+± 0.46/23 might be stronger. Kg3 103.Qg6+ Kf2
104.Qf7+ Kg3 105.Qc7+ Kf3
106.Qf7+ Kg3 107.Qc7+ Kg4
108.Be2+ Kg5 109.Qe7+ Kf4
110.Qf8+ Kg5 111.Qe7+ Kf4
112.Qf8+ Kg5 113.Qf1]

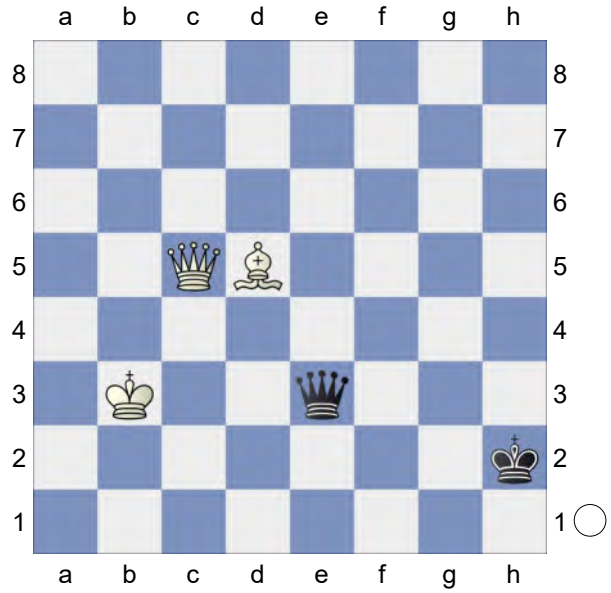
102...Kg3 0.62/22

[102...Qe3+!= 0.01/26 103.Kc2 Qc5]

103.Qh6 Qf4 104.Qg6+ Qg4 105.Qd6+ Qf4



106.Qc5 Kh2 107.Bd5 0.00/37
[107.Qh5+ Kg2 108.Qb5 Kf2±]
[107.Ka4± 0.67/20]
107...Qe3+!



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5 **E00**
□ **Koneru,Humpy** **2523**
■ **Khademalsharieh,Sarasadat** **2458**
FIDE Women's Grand Prix - Monaco 202..
[Kitty Kat]

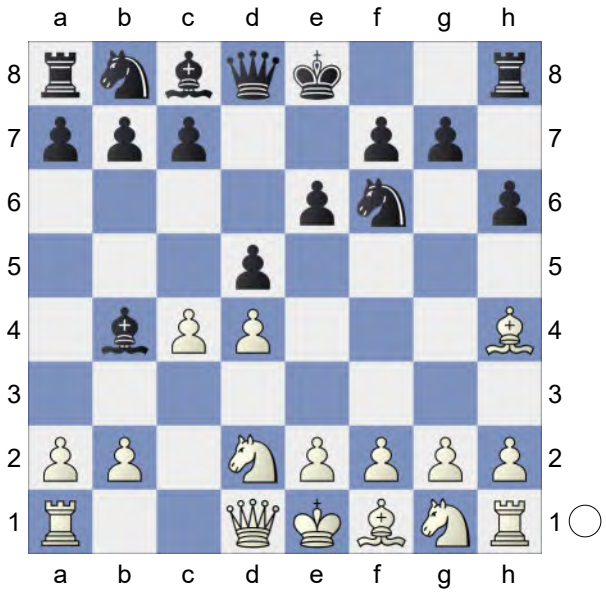
E00: Catalan Bogo-Indian (3 g3 Bb4+) This game was played a month after the previous one. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Bg5N**

[3.Nc3 c5 *(3...d5 4.Bf4 c6 5.c5 b6 6.b4 a5 7.a3 b5 8.e3 Be7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.h3 Nbd7 11.Nf3 Re8 12.0-0 Nf8 13.Ne5 Bd7 14.Qc2 Ng6 15.Bh2 Nf8 16.Rfb1 Rc8 17.a4 axb4 18.Rxb4* 1-0 Kamil'S Games-Plichta,K Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 4.Nf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.g3 Bc5 7.Nb3 Bb4 8.Bg2 0-0 9.0-0 h6 10.e4 d6 11.Bd2 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 e5 13.Nc1 Bg4 14.Qd2 Rc8 15.b3 Qd7 16.f3 Bh3 17.Ne2 h5 Furman,S-Dzindzichashvili,R USSR 21/(144) 1975]

[3.Nf3 c5 4.g3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qc7 6.Nd2 Nc6 7.Nb5 Qb8 8.Bg2 a6 9.Nc3 b5 10.0-0 Be7 11.cxb5 axb5 12.Nde4 b4 13.Nxf6+ gxf6 14.Na4 Ba6 15.Be3 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 Rxa4 17.Rfd1 d5 1-0 Vladimirov,E (2565)-Gurevich,D (2490) GMA Baleares Open Palma de Mallorca 1989 (5)]

[3.a3 b6 4.Nc3 Bb7 5.f3 *(5.Bg5 Be7 6.Qc2 h6 7.Bh4 d5 8.e3 Nbd7 9.Bg3 Nh5 10.Nf3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 c6 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Bb5 0-0 14.Qa4 Nf6 15.Ne5 Qd6 16.Bc6 Bxc6 17.Nxc6 a6 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.Qd1 Rfc8* 0-1 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3_27933-Jakubovic,N (2045) 49/134 Reggio Emilia 1989*)* 5...d5 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Nge2 c5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.dxc5 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Ne5 12.Ba2 Bxc5 13.b4 Be7 14.Nd4 Nd5 15.Nce2 Rc8 16.Qb3 Nc4 17.e4 Nf6 1-0 2.c4 g6 3. ♘ c3 (1766)-Mamedyarov,S (1914) 2002 Brantford (2)]

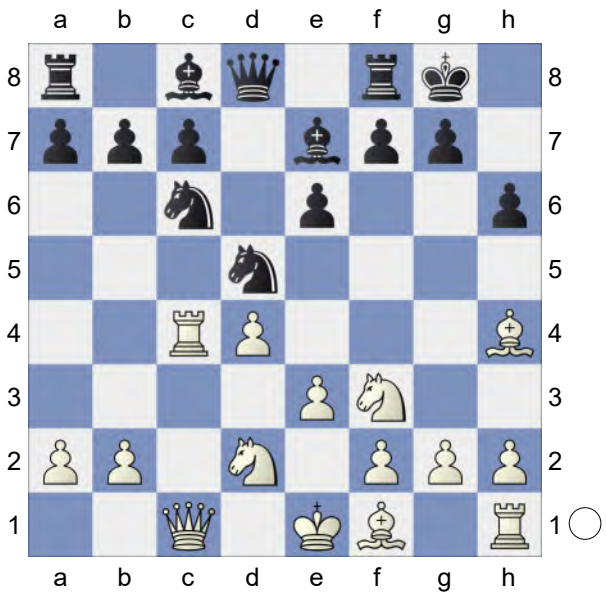
3...Bb4+ 4.Nd2 h6 5.Bh4 d5



6.Rc1 dxc4 7.Rxc4 Be7 8.Qc1 -0.27/21

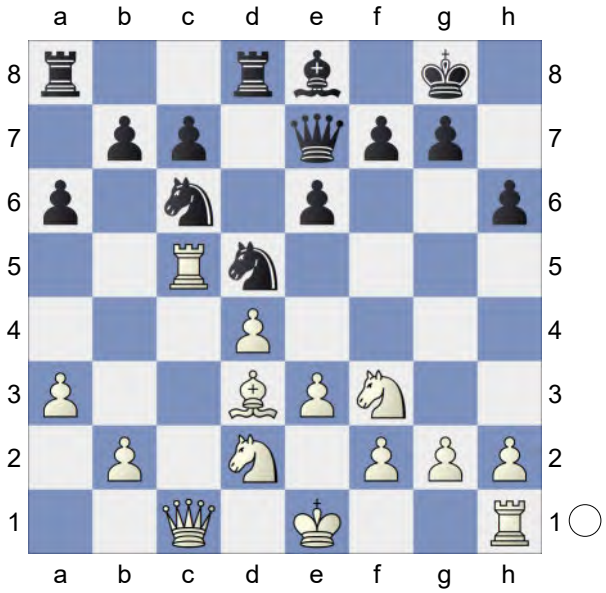
[⌓8.Ngf3 0.17/19]

8...0-0 9.e3 Nc6 10.Ngf3 Nd5

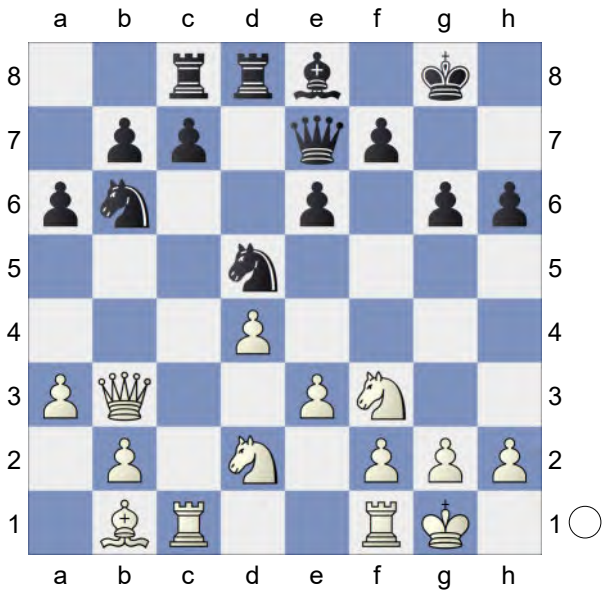


Against a3 **11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Rc5 Rd8**

13.Bb5 Bd7 14.a3 Prevents Ncb4.
14...a6 15.Bd3 Be8

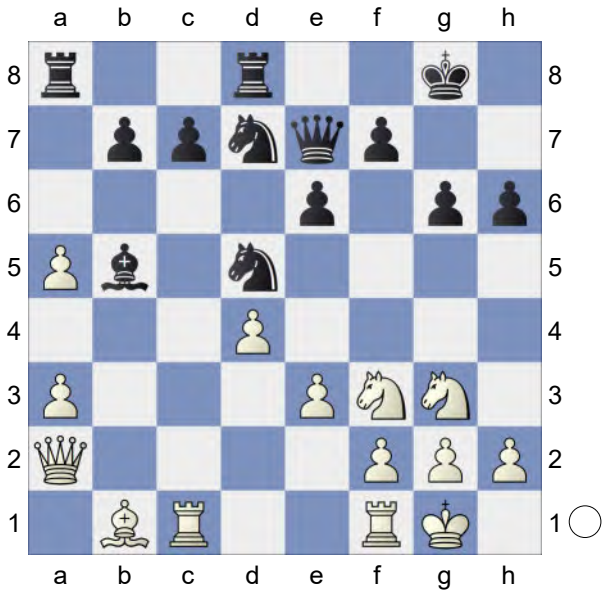


16.0-0 Rac8 17.Bb1 Nb8 18.Qc2 g6! 19.Qb3 Nd7 20.Rcc1 N7b6!

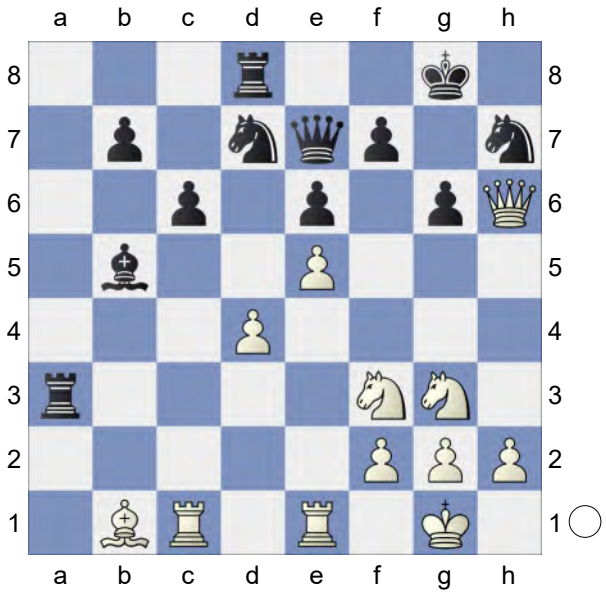


21.Ne4 Ba4 22.Qa2 White is more active. **22...Nd7 23.b4 a5 24.bxa5 Ra8 25.Ng3! Bb5** 1.29/21
[⌓25...N5f6 0.79/20]

(Diagram)

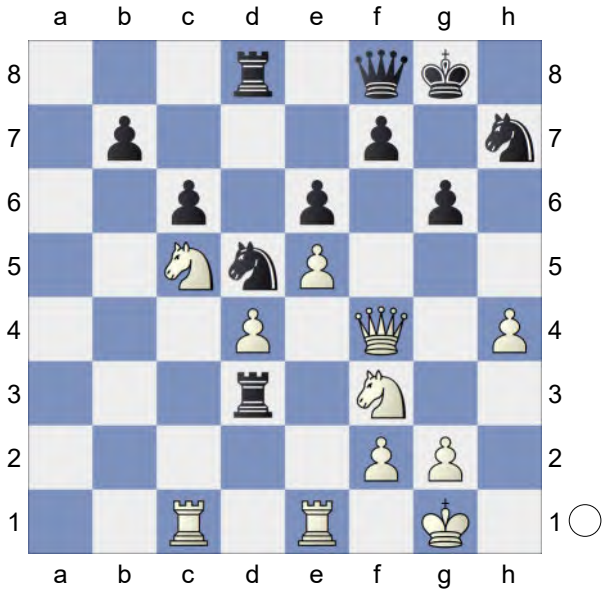


26.Rfe1± Rxa5 27.e4 N5f6 1.93/23
[27...Rxa3± 1.55/23 28.Qd2 N5f6]
28.Qd2 1.36/22
[28.Rxc7?! Qxa3 29.Qxa3 Rxa3±]
[28.e5+- 1.93/23 Nh7 29.Qd2 *(29.Rxc7 Qxa3 30.Qd2 Bc6±)* 29...Rxa3 30.Rxc7]
28...Rxa3 29.Qxh6 aiming for e5!
[29.Rxc7?! Bc6±]
29...c6 2.55/21
[29...c5± 1.35/21]
30.e5+- Nh7

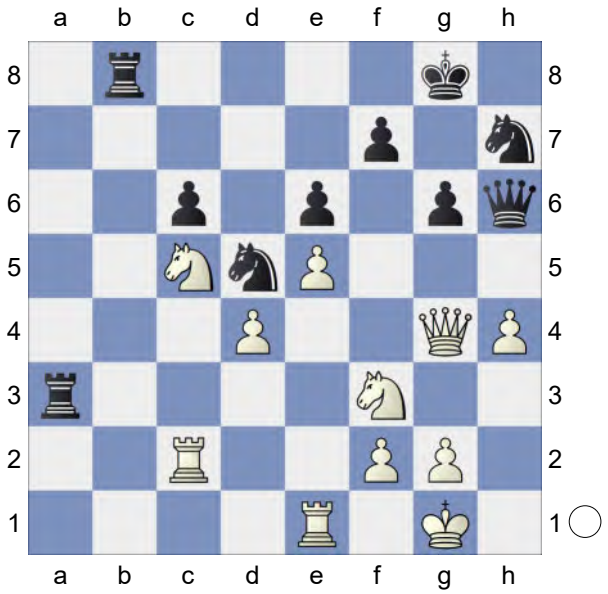


Wards off Ng5 **31.h4→** Black is in

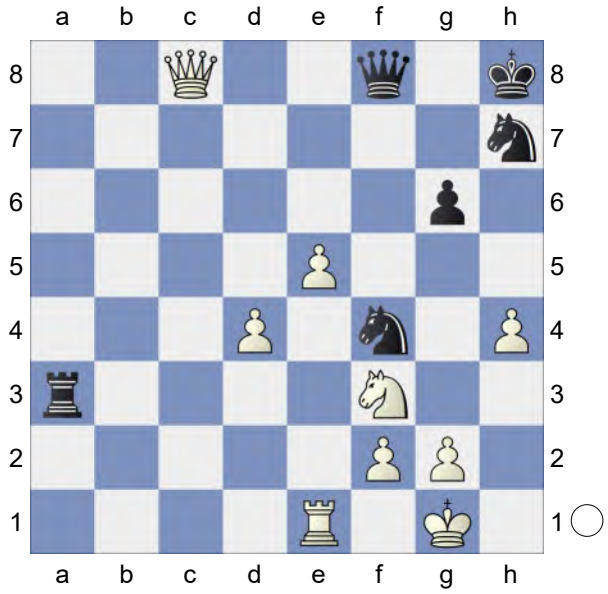
trouble. **31...Bd3 32.Bxd3 Rxd3 33.Ne4 Qf8 34.Qf4 Nb6 35.Nc5 Nd5**



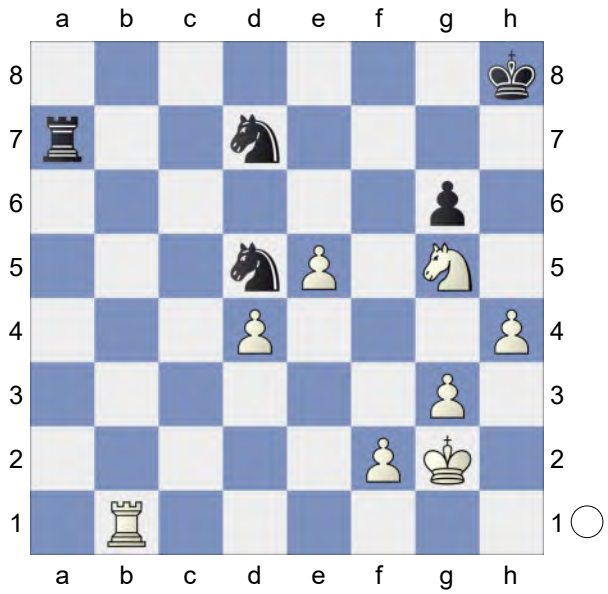
36.Qe4 Ra3 37.Nxb7 Nc3 3.61/22
[⌓37...Rd7 2.33/22]
38.Qg4
[38.Qxc6 Rc8 39.Qb6 Ne2+ 40.Rxe2 Rxc1+ 41.Kh2 Qh6 42.Qd8+ Kg7=]
38...Rb8 39.Nc5 Qh6 40.Rc2
Repels Ne2+. Black must now prevent Nxe6! **40...Nd5**



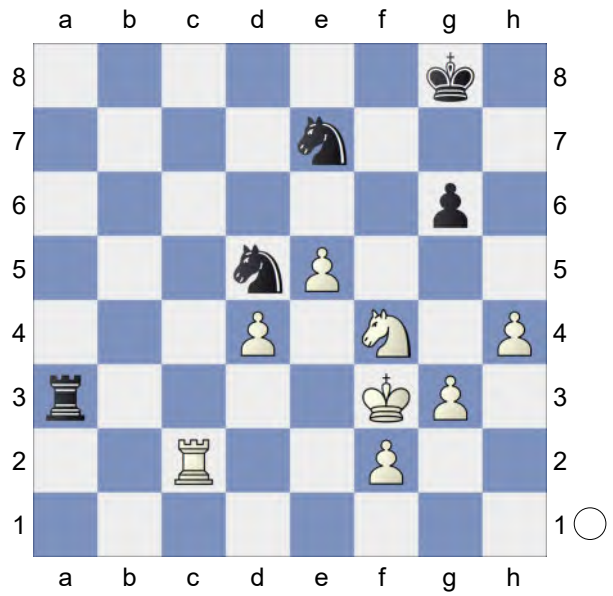
41.Nxe6 fxe6 42.Qxe6+ Kh8 43.Rxc6
[43.Qxc6 Rxf3 44.Qxd5 *(44.gxf3 Nf4±)* 44...Rff8]
43...Nf4 44.Rc8+ Rxc8 45.Qxc8+ Qf8



46.Qxf8+ 1.00/5
[White should play 46.Qg4 1.59/21 Hoping for e6. Qf5 47.Qxf5 gxf5 48.e6]
46...Nxf8± 47.Ng5 Ra6 3.11/26
[47...Nh7± 0.98/23]
48.g3+- Nd5 49.Rb1 Ra7 50.Kg2 Nd7

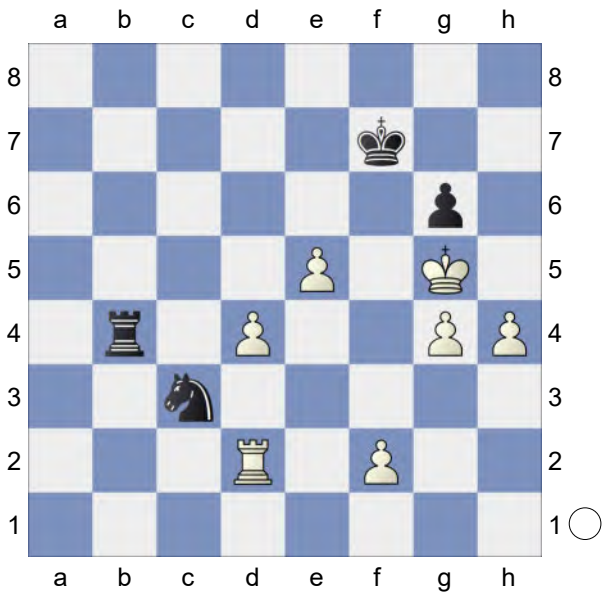


51.Rc1 Ne7 52.Kf3 Threatens to win with Ne6. **52...Nb6 53.Rc2** 1.37/26
[53.Ne6+- 1.93/23]
53...Nbd5 54.Ne6 Kg8 55.Nf4 Ra3+

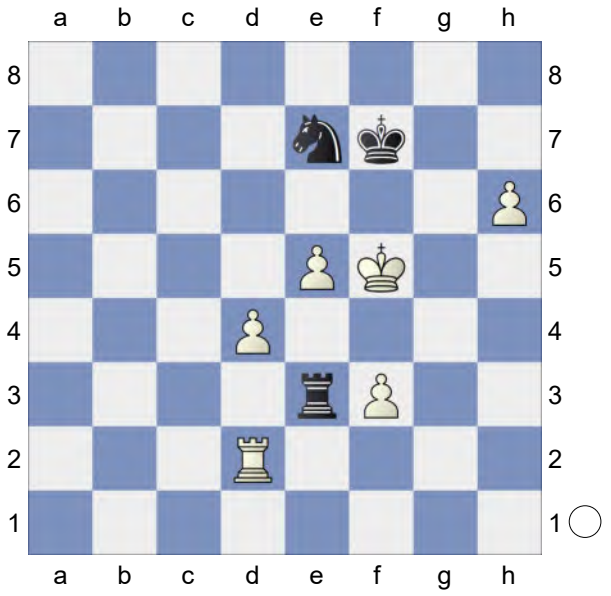


56.Kg4 Nxd5 is the strong threat.
56...Ra4 2.74/25
[56...Nxf4± 1.58/23 was worth a try. 57.Kxf4 Rd3]
57.Nxd5 Nxd5 Endgame. KRN-KR
58.Rd2 1.23/25
[58.Rc6+- 2.79/24 is more deadly.]
58...Kf7 1.84/25
[58...Kg7± 1.23/25 59.Kf3 Kh6]
59.Kg5 1.39/24
[59.Rd3+- 1.84/25]
59...Rb4 2.47/23
[59...Nc3± 1.39/24 60.Kh6 Ne4]
60.g4 1.06/24
[60.Rd3+- 2.47/23]
60...Nc3 2.17/25
[60...Nc7± 1.06/24 was called for.]

(Diagram)

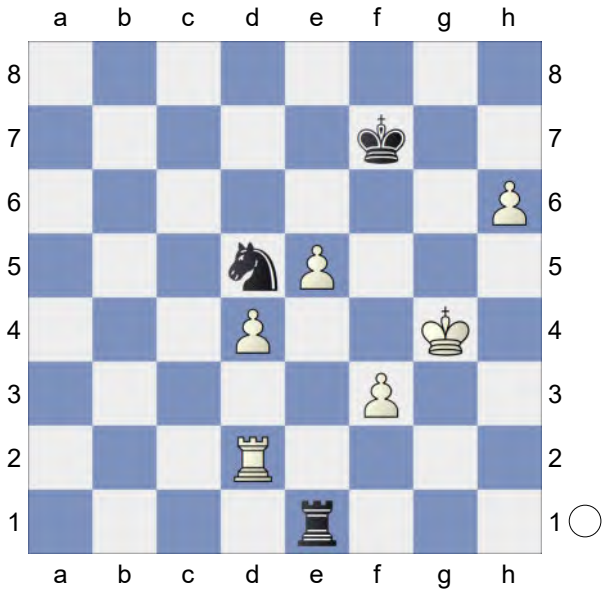


61.f3 Nd5 62.h5 0.70/21
[62.f4+- 2.20/22]
62...gxh5± 63.gxh5 Rb3 1.77/24
[63...Rb1± 0.60/24]
64.Kf5!+- Re3 1.75/23
[64...Ra3± 1.35/24 might work better.]
65.h6 0.84/27
[65.Ra2!+- 1.75/23 is the precise move to win.]
65...Ne7+±



66.Kf4 0.57/25
[White should try 66.Kg4!± 1.11/25]

66...Nd5+!± 67.Kg4 Rh2 would now be deadly.
[Reject 67.Kg5 Rxf3 68.Rh2 *(68.Rg2 Rh3=)* 68...Kg8= *(68...Rg3+ 69.Kf5=)*]
67...Re1 1.36/23
[67...Kg6± 0.47/26]



68.h7 0.01/26
[68.Ra2!± 1.36/23]
68...Rh1= 69.Ra2 Strongly threatening Ra7+.
[69.Rb2 simplifies Rxh7 70.Rb7+ Kg8 71.Rxh7 Kxh7 72.Kf5]
69...Ne7
[69...Rxh7 simplifies 70.Ra7+ Kg6 71.Rxh7 Kxh7 72.Kf5 Kg7]
70.Ra7 Ke6? 5.42/23
[70...Rxh7± 0.52/24 71.d5 Kf8]

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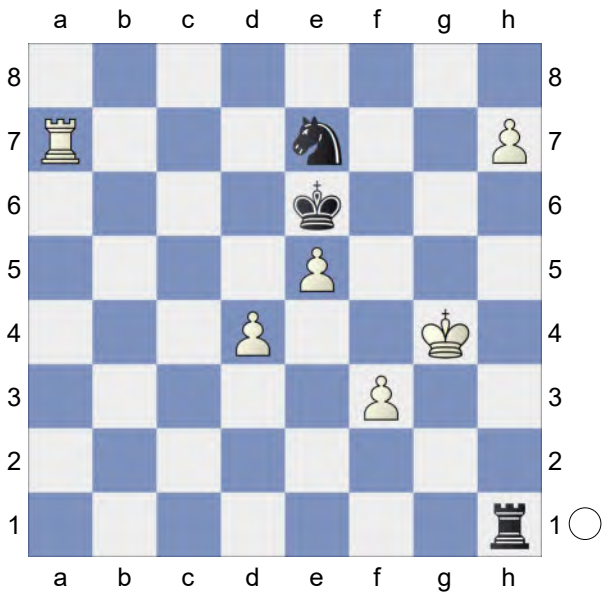
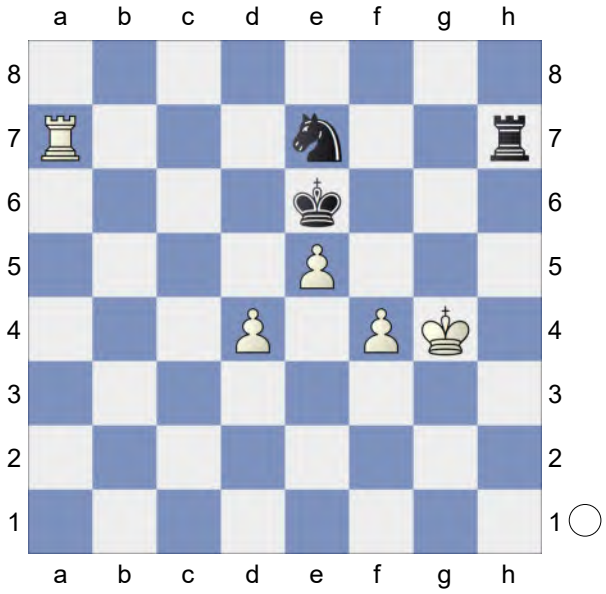


71.f4!+- And now f5+! would win. White is clearly winning. **71...Rxh7**



72.f5+! Nxf5 73.Rxh7 White wants to mate with d5+! **73...Nxd4 74.Rh5?** 0.00/30
[74.Kf4+- 13.07/34 Ne2+ 75.Ke4 Ng3+ 76.Kf3]

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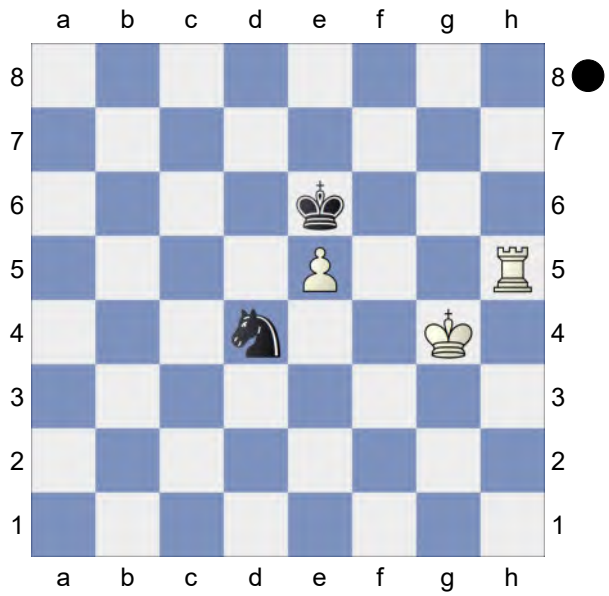

Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.26 (precise) . Loss on time!?

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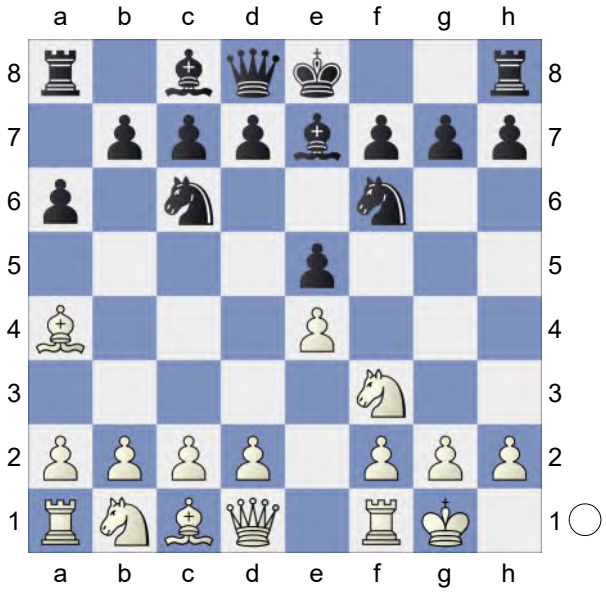
6 **C88**
□ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2546**
■ **Khademalsharieh,Sarasadat** **2458**
FIDE Women's Grand Prix - Monaco 202..
[Kitty Kat]

C88: Closed Ruy Lopez: Anti-Marshall Systems C55: Two Knights: 4 d3, 4 d4 exd4 5 e5 and Max Lange Attack **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

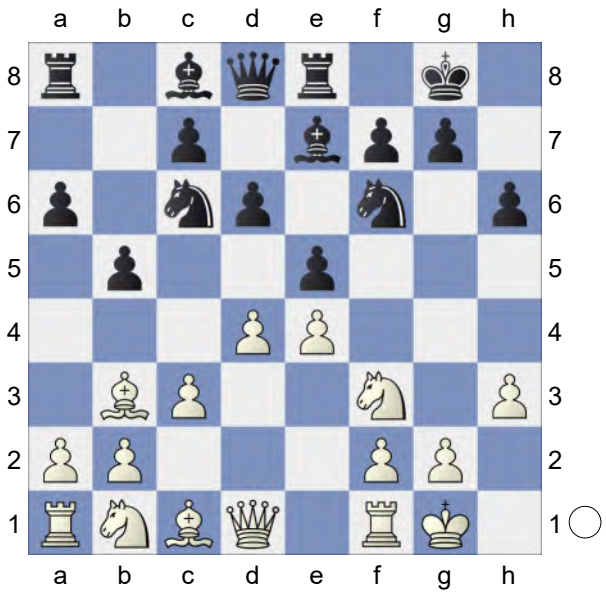


6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Re8N

[9...d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Qe2 Bf6 12.Be3 Bf5 13.Bc2 Re8 14.Nbd2 Bg6 15.Rfe1 Be7 16.Nf1 f5 17.Rad1 f4 18.Bc1 Bc5 19.N1d2 b4 20.Ba4 Qf6 21.Ne4 Bxe4 22.Qxe4 Red8 23.Qc4 1-0 Blackburne,J-Wisker,J B.C.A. Challenge Cup London 1870]

[9...Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.d5 *(12.Re1 Kh8 13.d5 Bd7 14.b3 Ne8 15.Nbd2 g6 16.Nf1 Ng7 17.Bh6 Nb7 18.g4 f6 19.Ng3 Nd8 20.Kg2 Qc8 21.Nh2 Nf7 22.Be3 a5 23.Qd3 Rb8 24.Rab1 Bd8 25.f4 exf4 26.Bxf4 Ne5* 0-1 Juilfs,G (2595)-Bd7 (2684) Cap d'Agde-A rapid 2003 (1) *)* 12...Nc4 *(12...Bd7 13.b3 c4 14.Ba3 Rfe8 15.Nxe5 dxe5 16.Bxe7 Bg4 17.hxg4 Qxe7 18.g5 Nd7 19.Qg4 Rec8 20.b4 Nb7 21.a4 f6 22.Qe6+ Qxe6 23.dxe6 Nf8 24.e7 Ne6 25.gxf6 gxf6 26.Na3 Kf7 27.axb5* 1-0 Vokhidov,S (2681)-Xu,Z (2511) Qatar Masters op-A Doha 2024 (8) *)* 13.b3 Nb6 14.a4 c4 15.axb5 axb5 16.Rxa8 Nxa8 17.bxc4 bxc4 18.Ba3 Nd7 19.Bb4 Nc5 20.Qe2 Nb6 21.Nbd2 f5 22.Rd1 g6 23.Qe3 f4 24.Qe2 1-0 Gazi,M (2726)-Kennaugh,C (2713) Grenke Chess Classic 6th Baden-Baden Karlsruhe 2019 (3)]

10.d4 h6



11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Re1 Bf8 13.Bc2 Nb8 14.b3 Nbd7 15.Bb2 White has an edge. **15...c6**

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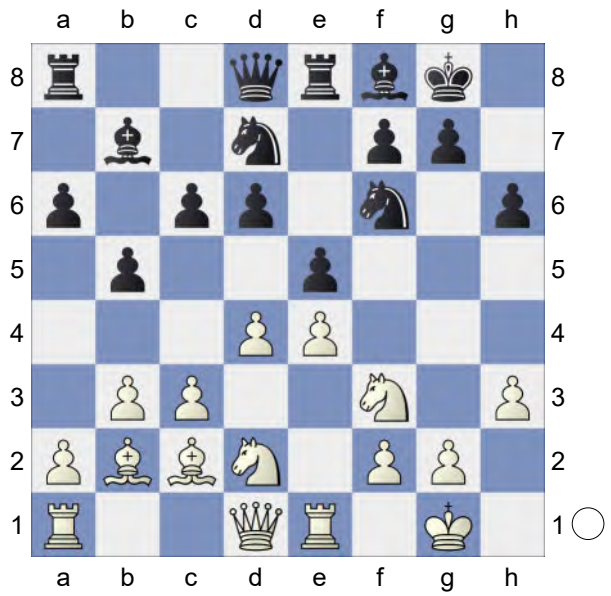
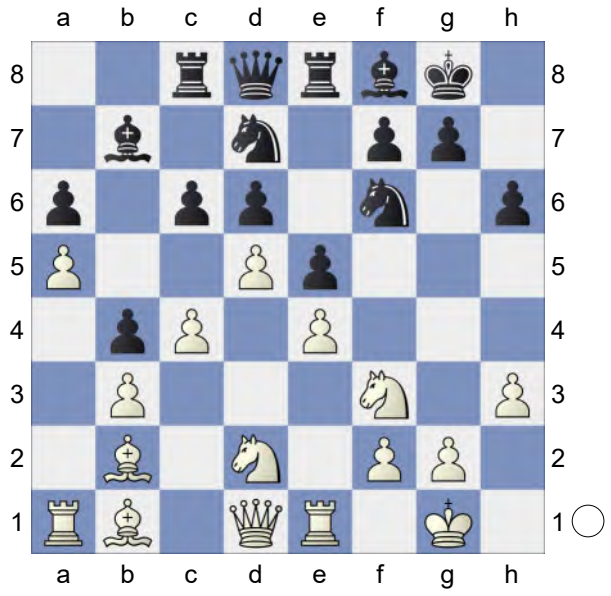
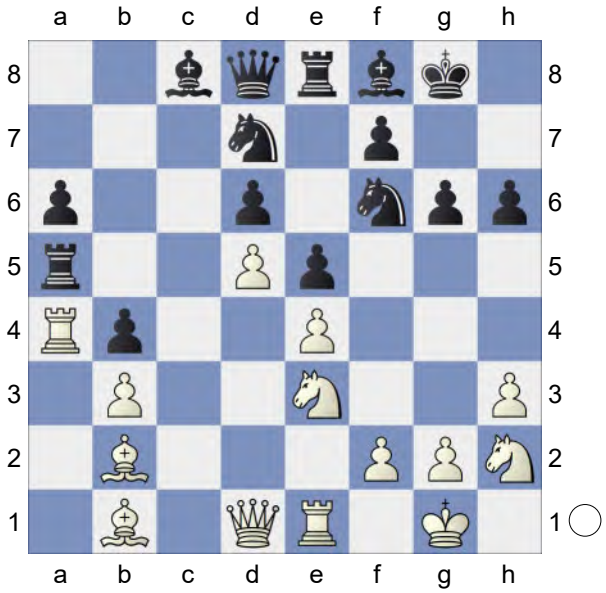


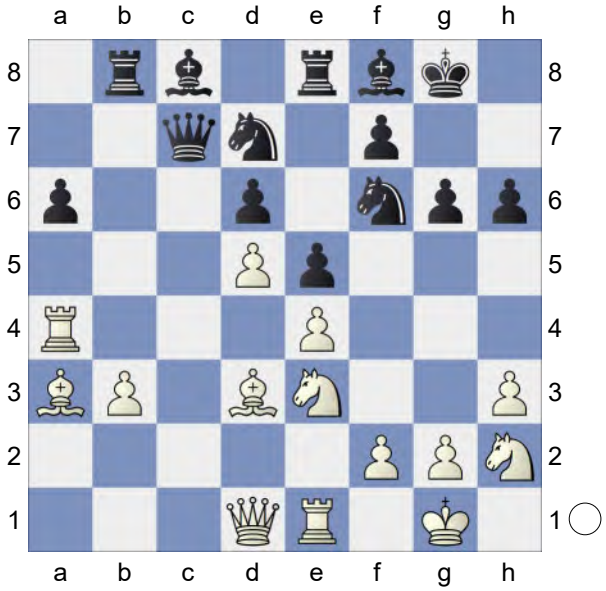
16.a4 Qc7 17.c4 b4 18.a5 -0.45/22
[18.c5= 0.01/19 exd4 19.Bxd4]
18...Rad8 0.26/23
[18...exd4∓ -0.45/22 19.Nxd4 g6]
19.d5= Rc8 aiming for ...cxd5. **20.Bb1 Qd8**



21.Nh2 g6 22.Ndf1 -0.01/21
[22.Bc1!± 0.40/23 should be considered.]
22...cxd5! 23.cxd5 Rc5! 24.Ra4 Bc8 0.65/22
[24...Rb5= 0.09/22]
25.Ne3 0.24/22
[25.Rxb4± 0.65/22 Nh5 26.Ne3]
25...Rxa5 0.63/22
[25...Rb5= 0.24/22 feels stronger.]

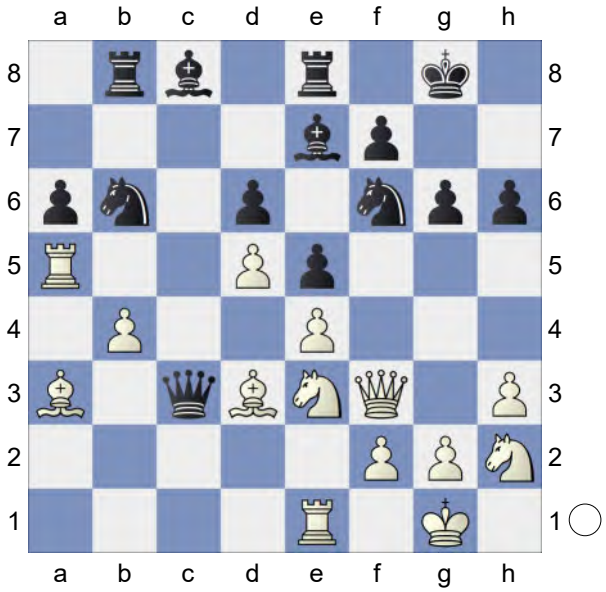


26.Rxb4± Rc5 White leaves nothing to chance now. **27.Rc4 Rb5 28.Ba3 Qa5 29.Ra4 Qc7 30.Bd3 Rb8**



31.b4 0.90/20 White is more active.
[31.Bxa6 Nb6 *(31...Bxa6 32.Rxa6 Nxe4 33.Nc4±)* 32.Bb5 Nxa4 33.Bxa4 Bd7 34.Bxd7 Nxd7± *(34...Qxd7 35.Nc4∓)*]
[White should try 31.Nf3 1.26/20]

31...Nb6 1.41/22
[⌓31...Nh5 0.90/20]
32.Ra5± Be7 1.80/20
[32...Qd8± 1.26/20 was worth a try. 33.Bc1 *(33.Bxa6 Nxe4 34.Bd3 Nf6=)* 33...h5]
33.Qf3 1.43/20
[33.Bxa6 Bxa6 34.Rxa6 Nxe4=]
[33.Bc1+- 1.80/20]
33...Qc3



34.Qe2 Strongly threatening Rc1!
34...Qc7 35.Rc1
[35.Bxa6?! Nxe4 36.Rc1 Qd8±]
35...Qd8

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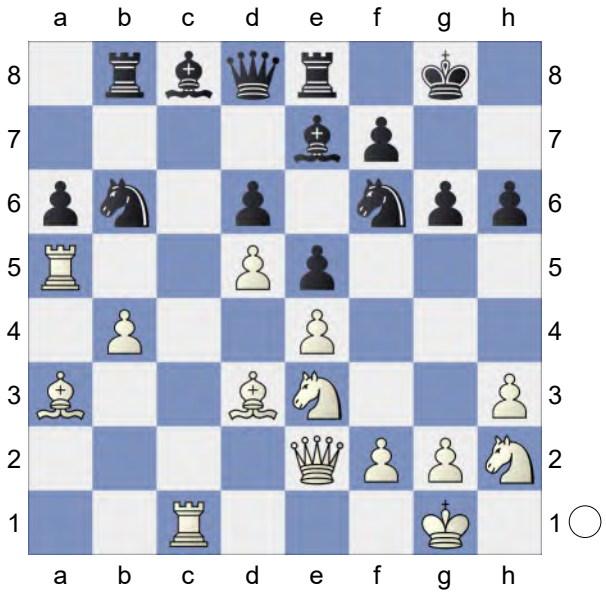
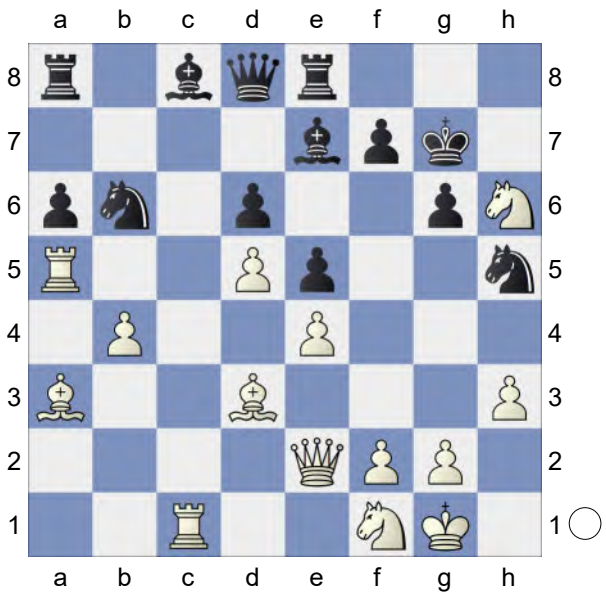


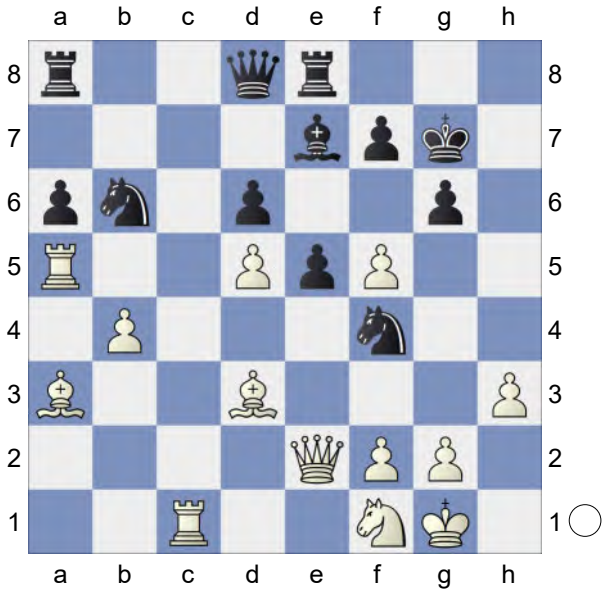
36.Nhf1
[36.Bxa6?! Nxe4 37.Bb5 Bd7±]
36...Ra8 37.Ng4 1.33/20
[37.Qc2+- 1.77/20]
37...Nh5 2.14/20
[37...Nxg4± 1.33/20 38.hxg4 Bg5]
38.Nxh6+
[38.Bxa6 Nf4 39.Qb5 *(39.Nxh6+ Kg7∓)* 39...Bd7∓]
38...Kg7 2.63/22
[38...Kf8 1.77/20 was called for.]



39.Nf5+!+- Bxf5

[39...gxf5 40.Qxh5]

40.exf5 Nf4



41.Qf3 Threatens to win with Rc6.

41...Nxd3? 4.11/21

[41...Qd7 2.15/18 42.Ng3 *(42.Rxa6 Rxa6 43.Bxa6 Ra8±; 42.Bxa6 Qxf5 43.Ne3 Qg5+-)* 42...Nxd3]

42.Qxd3 Qd7 5.35/20

[⌓42...gxf5 3.52/19 43.Qxf5 *(43.Rxa6 Rxa6 44.Qxa6 Nxd5±)* 43...Qd7]

43.Rc6

[43.Rxa6 Rxa6 44.Qxa6 Nxd5+-]

43...Reb8 44.fxg6

[Less strong is 44.Rxa6 Rxa6 45.Qxa6 Nxd5+-]

44...fxg6 45.Bb2 And now Bxe5+! would win. **45...Qf5**

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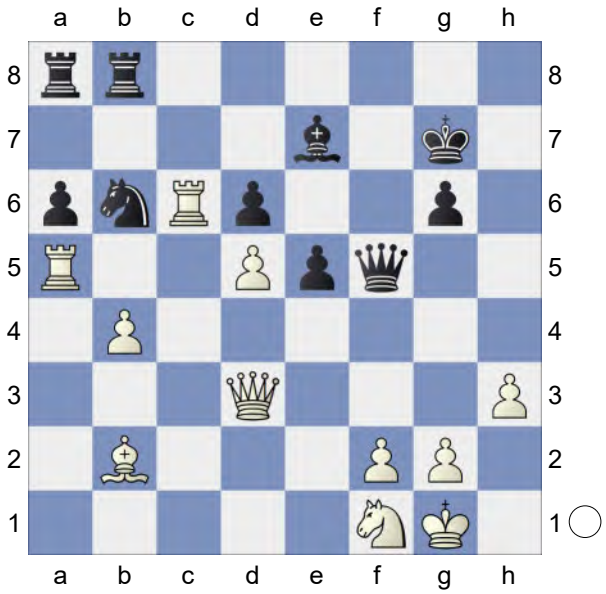


46.Qxf5 gxf5 47.f4 Bf6 5.80/24

[47...Bd8 2.28/20 48.Ne3 *(48.Rxd6 Nc4±)* 48...Kh7 49.fxe5 f4]

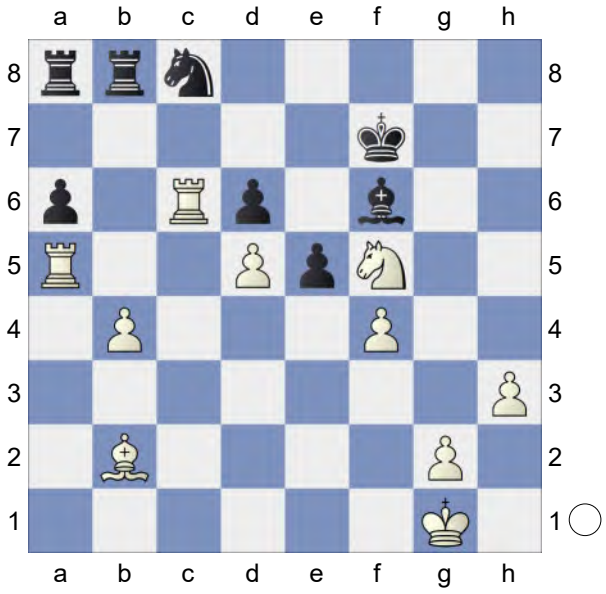
48.Ng3 White is clearly winning.

[Weaker is 48.Rxd6 Nc4±]

48...Kf7 6.86/22

[⌓48...Bd8 4.76/20 49.Nxf5+ Kh7 50.Rxd6 Nc4]

49.Nxf5 Nc8



50.Rxc8!

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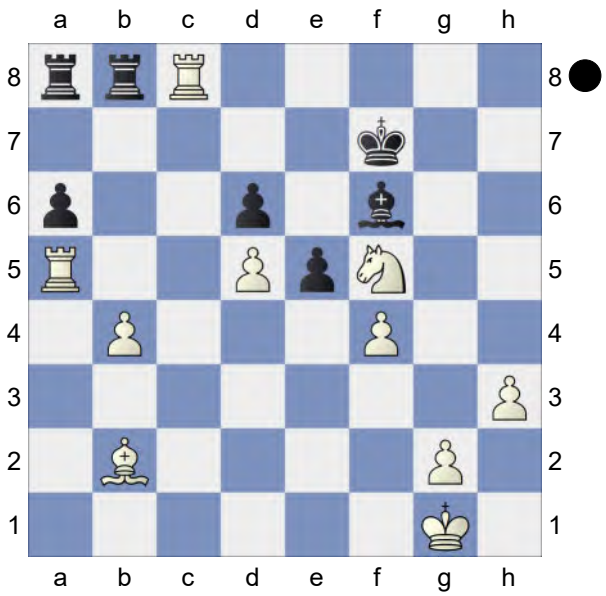

Remove Defender, Decoy. Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) / Black=0.46

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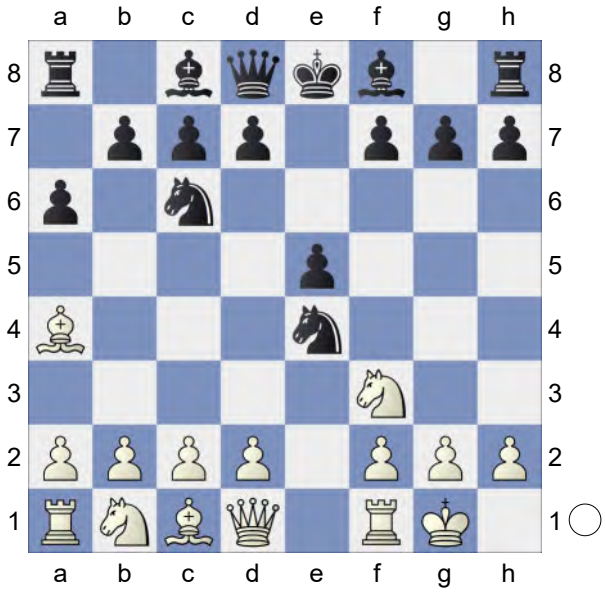
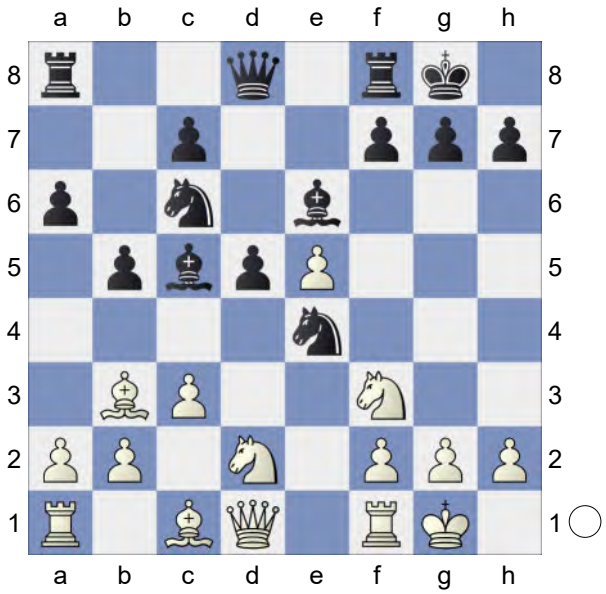
7 **C82**
□ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2515**
■ **Koneru,Humpy** **2523**
FIDE Women's Grand Prix - Monaco 202..
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4**

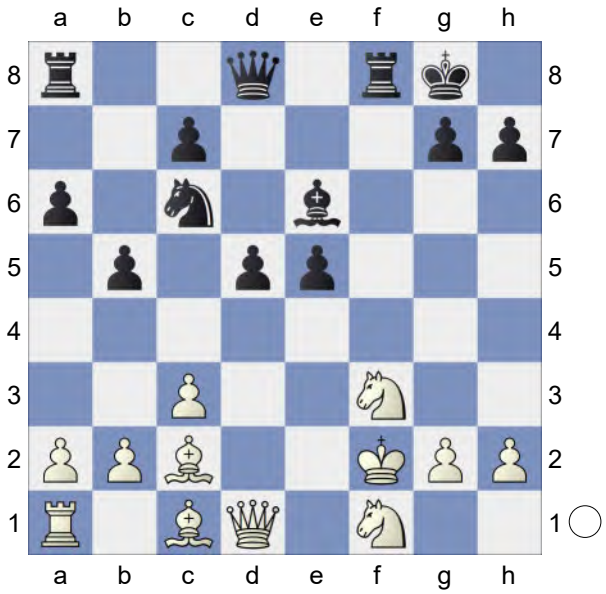


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0

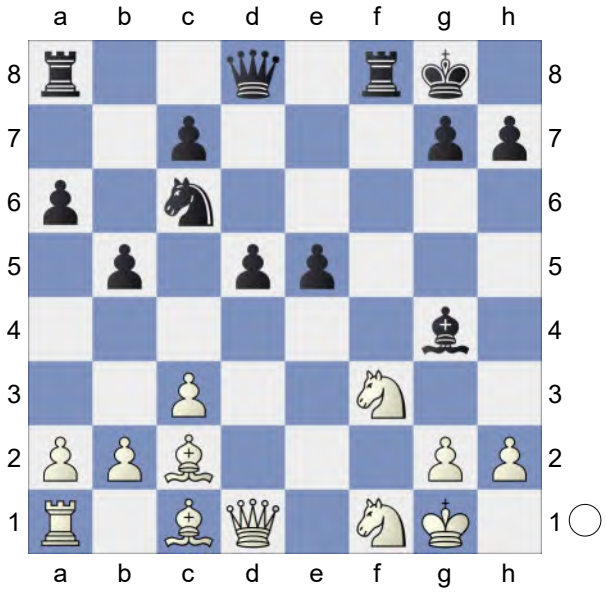


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.Nf1 Bxf2+

14.Kxf2 fxe5



White must now prevent ...e4. **15.Kg1 Bg4**



16.Ne3 White has compensation.
16...Be6 17.Nf1 -0.01/19
[17.b3± 0.46/21]
17...Bg4= aiming for ...e4. **18.Ne3** -0.01/20
[18.Bg5!± 0.46/22 Bxf3 19.Qd2 *(19.Qxf3? Rxf3 20.Bxd8 Rxf1+ 21.Kxf1 Rxd8-+)*]
18...Be6! 19.Nf1
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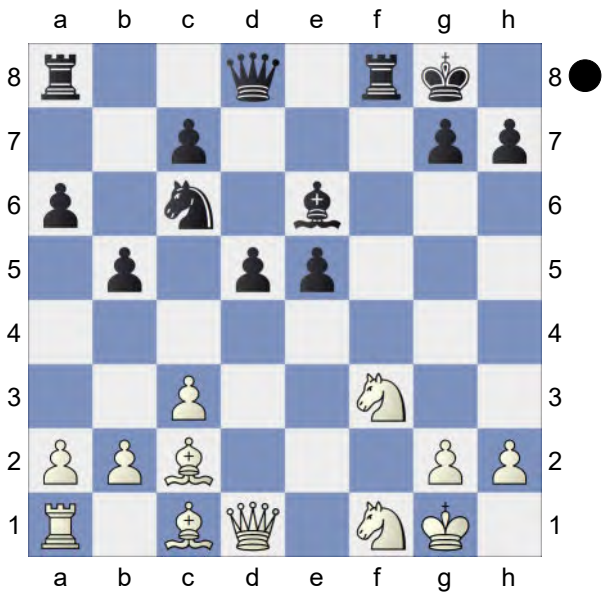
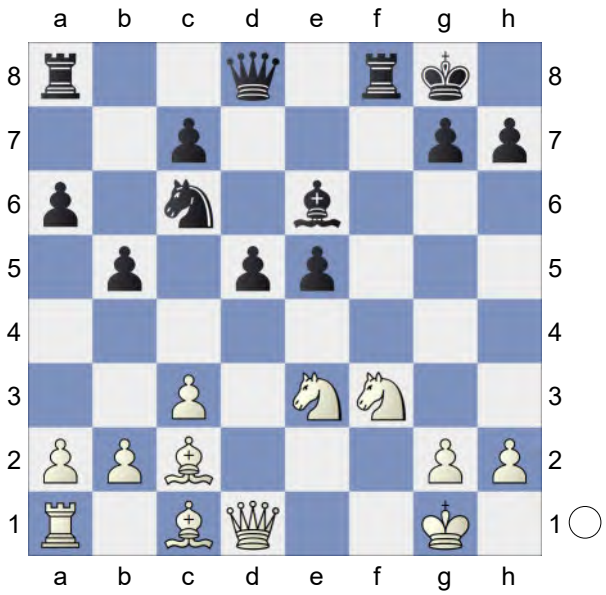


And now Bxh7+! would win. **19...Bg4** Strongly threatening ...e4. **20.Ne3N Be6**



21.Nf1 -0.01/23

[White should play 21.b3!± 0.56/21]

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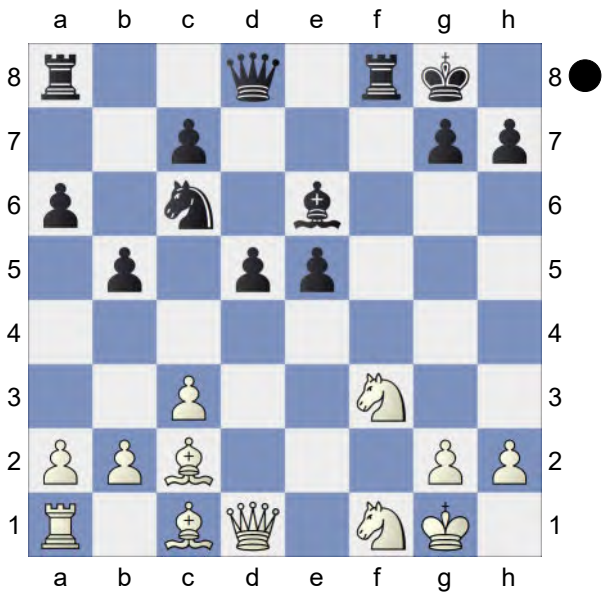

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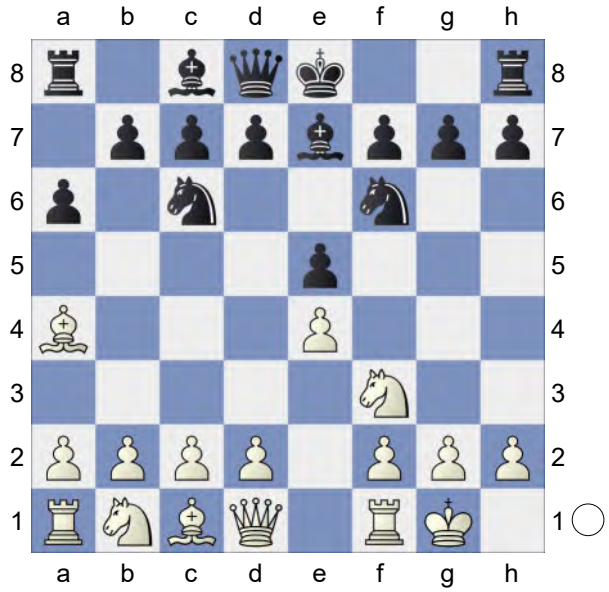
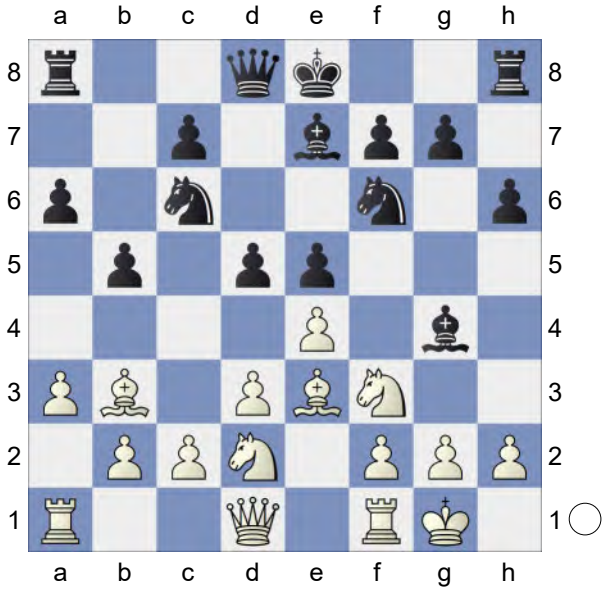
8 **C84**
□ **Assaubayeva,Bibisara** **2492**
■ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2561**
FIDE Women's Grand Prix - Monaco 202..
[Kitty Kat]

C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves C77: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6, unusual lines **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

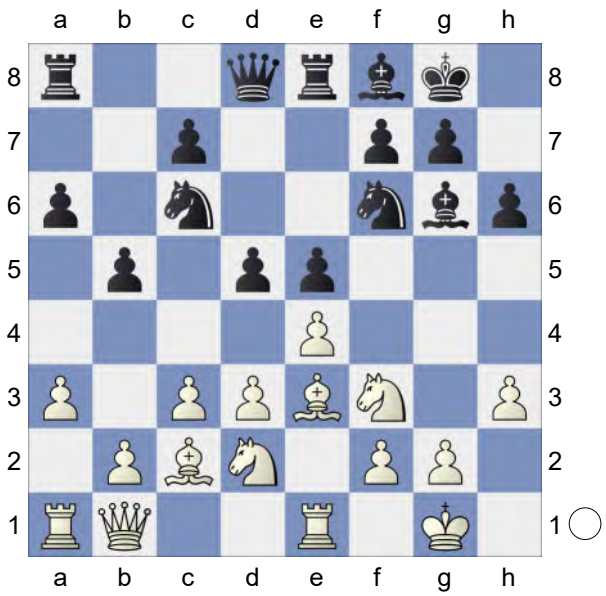


6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 Bg4N
[8...0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Ba2 Be6
A) 11.b4 Bxa2 12.Rxa2 Nc6 13.Bg5 Nd7 *(13...Qd7 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd5 a5 16.c4 Ne7 17.Qb3 bxc4 18.Nxe7+ Bxe7 19.dxc4 axb4 20.axb4 Qc6 21.Re1 Rxa2 22.Qxa2 Ra8 23.Qb3 g6 24.b5 Qc5 25.Qc2 c6 26.bxc6 Bd8 27.Nd2 Bb6 28.Nb3 ½-½ 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4_43147 (2780)-Winter (2801) Livny GM 2017 Livny RUS (2.1))* 14.Bd2 *(14.Be3 Nf6 15.Qb1 d5 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Qxd5 18.c4 bxc4 19.dxc4 Qe6 20.Qe4 Rad8 21.g4 h5 22.g5 Qg4+ 23.Qxg4 hxg4 24.Nh4 g6 25.Kh1 e4 26.Rg1 Ne5 27.Bf4 Nxc4 28.Rxg4 c5* 13 Chapter C50-Games Chapter C50 Game *)* 14...Nf6 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Nb8 17.c4 Nd7 18.Qb3 f5 19.Rc2 Bf6 20.Be3 g5 21.h3 h5 22.cxb5 g4 23.hxg4 hxg4 24.Nh2 axb5 25.Rfc1 Bg5 0-1 Anand,V (2786)-Aronian,L (2854) 2018 (9.1);
B) 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Nc6 13.Re1 Qe8 14.Rb1 Nh5 15.Ne2 Qg6 16.Ng3 Nf4 17.d4 exd4 18.Nxd4 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 Bf6 20.Qd1 Be5 21.Rb3 Rf7 22.Rf3 Raf8 23.Bxf4 ½-½ So,W (2751)-Liang,A (2677) USA-ch Saint Louis 2024 (10)]
9.Be3 Wards off Nd4 **9...d5** **10.Nbd2** White is slightly better. **10...h6**

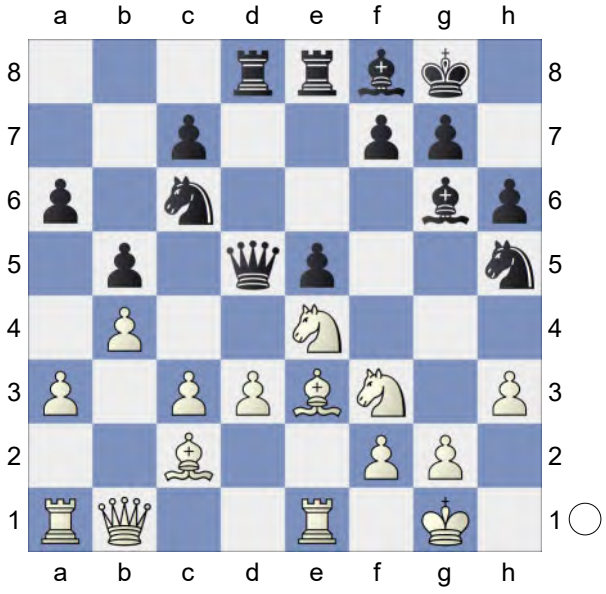


And now ...d4 would win. **11.c3** **0-0** **12.h3 Bh5 13.Re1 Bg6 14.Bc2 Re8 15.Qb1 Bf8**

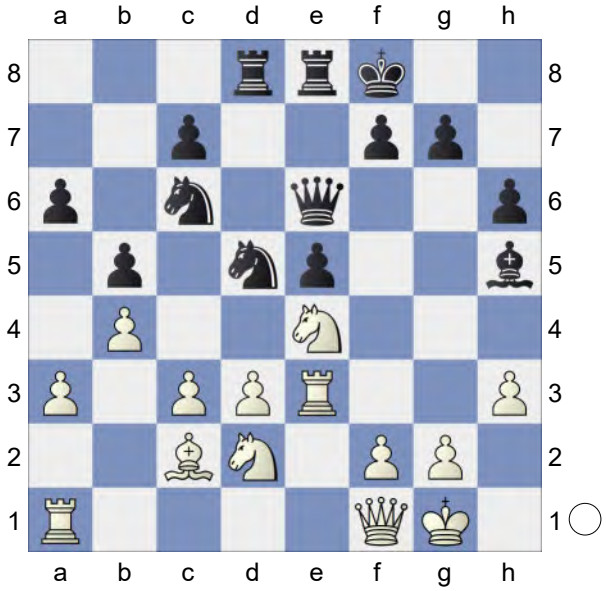
(Diagram)



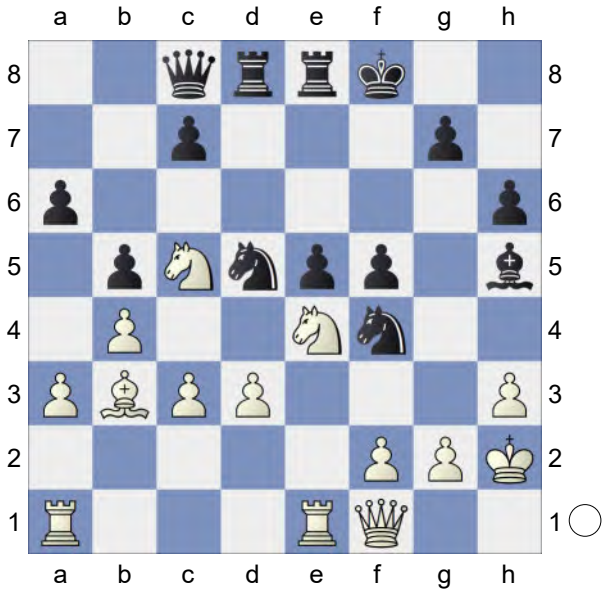
16.Nf1 Na5 17.exd5 Qxd5 18.b4 Nc6 19.Ng3 Rad8 20.Ne4 Black must now prevent Bxh6! **20...Nh5** 0.74/20
[20...Qe6= 0.01/20]



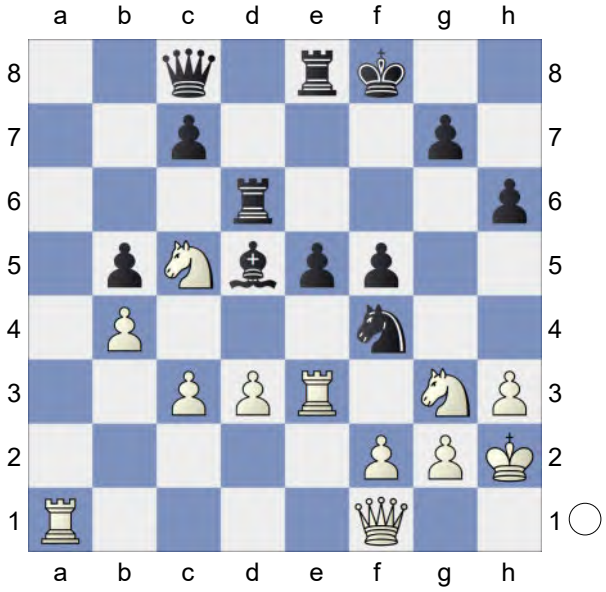
21.Bc5 0.06/19
[21.g4± 0.74/20]
21...Nf4= 22.Bxf8 Kxf8
[22...Rxf8 23.Re3∓]
23.Re3 Bh5 0.49/21
[23...Ne7= -0.26/20 24.Qf1 *(24.Bb3 Qa8±)* 24...Nf5 Deflection]
24.Qf1 -0.01/22
[24.Bb3± 0.49/21 Qd7 25.Qf1]
24...Qe6 25.Nfd2 -0.50/19
[25.Bd1= 0.01/19]
25...Nd5 0.01/22
[Black should try 25...Qc8∓ -0.50/19]



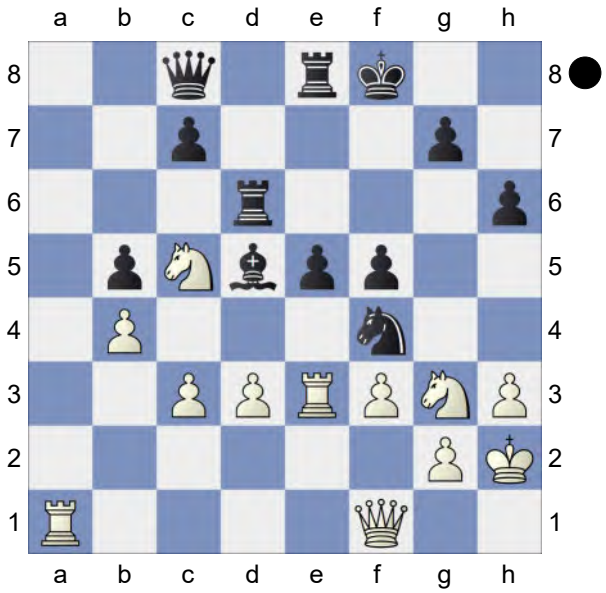
26.Ree1 Qc8 27.Bb3 Nf4 28.Nc5 Ne7 29.Kh2
[29.a4!?]
29...Ned5 0.24/20
[29...Bg6 -0.18/22 might be stronger.]
30.Nde4 f5



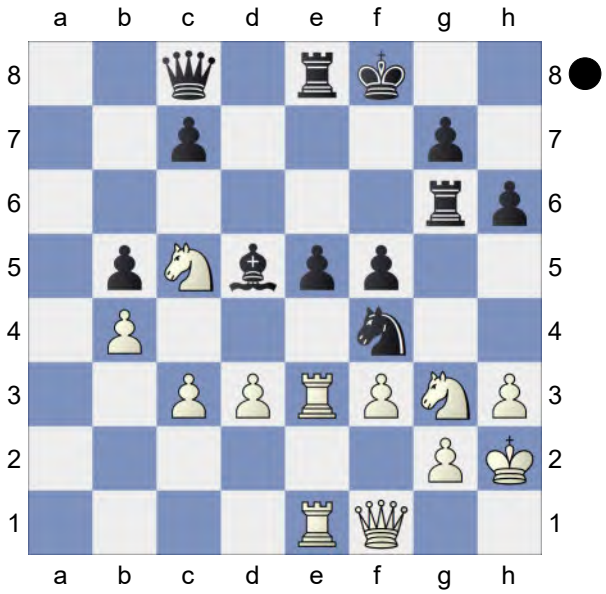
31.Bxd5 Rxd5 32.Ng3 Bf7 33.a4 -0.68/22
[33.Re3= -0.11/21]
33...Rd6!∓ 34.axb5 axb5 ...Rg6 would now be deadly. **35.Re3** -1.34/20
[35.Ra7∓ -0.51/23]
35...Bd5∓



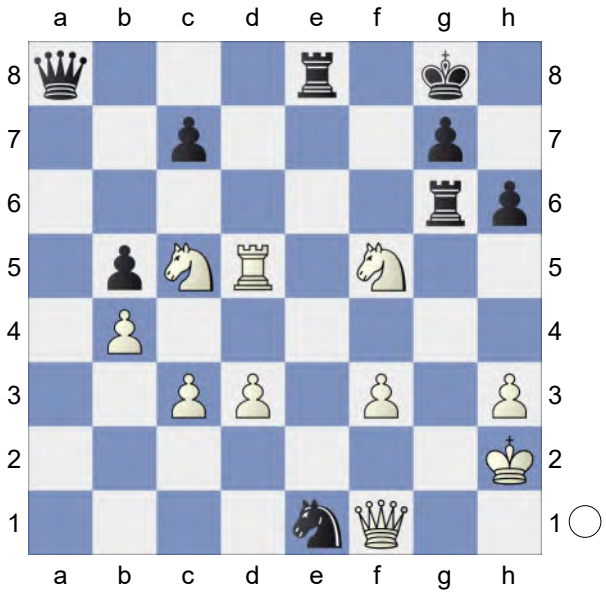
36.f3



Rg6 -0.82/24
[⌓36...Nxh3! -1.29/24 Hoping for ...f4. 37.Ree1 *(37.gxh3? f4∓)* 37...Nf4]
37.Rae1
(Diagram)



Nxg2! Double Attack. Black is more active. **38.Rxe5** -5.15/23
[38.Kxg2? perishes. f4 39.Kh2 fxe3-+]
[38.Qxg2∓ -0.98/22 was the crucial defense. f4 39.Rxe5 Rxe5 *(39...fxg3+ 40.Qxg3 Rxe5 41.Qxe5=)* 40.Rxe5 Rxg3 *(40...fxg3+ 41.Kg1=)* 41.Rxd5 Rxg2+ 42.Kxg2]
38...Nxe1-+ Black is clearly winning.
39.Rxd5 Kg8 40.Nxf5 Qa8



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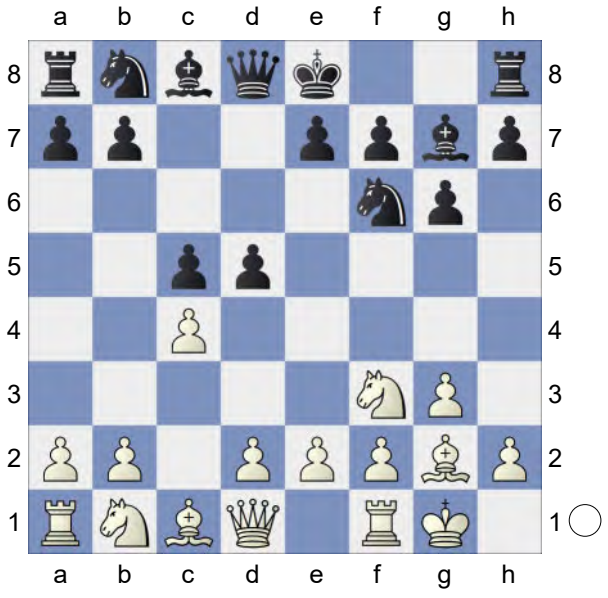
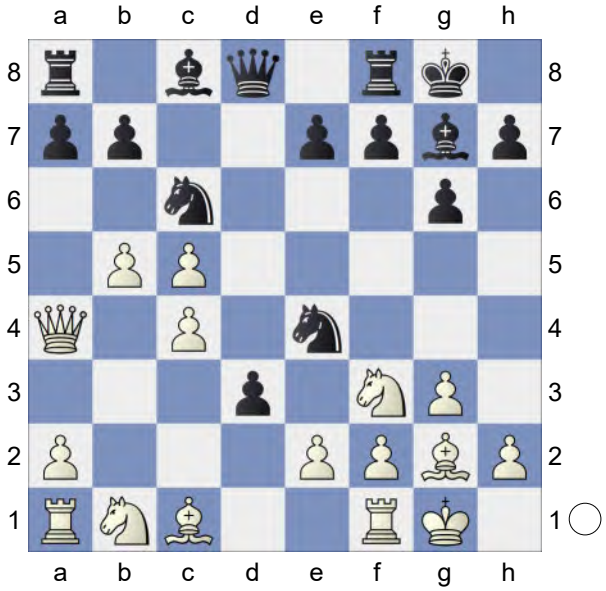
9 **A08**
□ **Dronavalli,Harika** **2489**
■ **Kosteniuk,Alexandra** **2484**
FIDE Women's Grand Prix - Monaco 202..
[Kitty Kat]

A08: King's Indian Attack A13: English Opening: 1...e6 A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.0-0 g6**
[4...e6 5.c4 d4 6.e3 Nc6 7.d3 Bd6 8.exd4 cxd4 9.Bg5 h6 *(9...0-0 10.Nbd2 e5 11.Ne4 Be7 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Nd2 Bd7 15.a3 a5 16.c5 Qe7 17.Rc1 a4 18.Re1 Na5 19.f4 f6 20.fxe5 fxe5 21.Qe2 Rae8 22.Ne4 Nb3 23.Rc4 Bb5 24.Rb4* 1-0 Vaz,E (2378)-Fandi,M (2278) Qatar Masters Open 2024 Doha QAT (4.58)) 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Nbd2 Qe7 12.a3 a5 13.Re1 0-0 14.Rc1 Rd8 15.Ne4 Bc7 16.c5 Bd7 17.Rc4 e5 18.Nfd2 Be6 19.Rc1 ½-½ Artemiev,V (2701)-Vantika,A (2392) Qatar Masters Open 2024 Doha QAT (1.4)]
5.c4 Bg7



6.Qa4+ -0.01/20
[6.d4± 0.43/21 feels stronger.]
6...Nc6 7.d4N
[7.Ne5 Qd6 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nc4 Qd8 *(9...Qe6 10.Nc3 Nxc3 11.dxc3 0-0 12.Bf4 Bd7 13.Ne3* #9 1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 with Nf6-#9 1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 with Nf6*)* 10.Nc3 e6 11.Ne3 Nde7 *(11...0-0 12.Nexd5 exd5 13.Nxd5 Re8 14.Nc3 Nd4 15.e3 Bd7 16.Qd1 Nc6 17.b3 Ne5 18.Bb2 Nd3 19.Rb1* #9 1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 with Nf6-#9 1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 with Nf6*)* 12.Ne4 Qd4 13.Nc4 #9 1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 with Nf6-#9 1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 with Nf6]
7...0-0 8.dxc5 The position is equal.
8...d4 9.b4 Ne4 10.b5 d3
[10...Nxc5 11.Qa3 d3 12.bxc6±]



11.exd3 Nxc5
[11...Qxd3 feels hotter. 12.bxc6 Bxa1 13.cxb7 Bxb7 14.c6 Bc8]
12.Qa3 Nb4 0.99/23
[12...Nd4= 0.01/22 13.Nxd4 *(13.Qxc5 Ne2+ 14.Kh1 Nxc1∓)* 13...Qxd4]
13.Qxb4 0.57/22

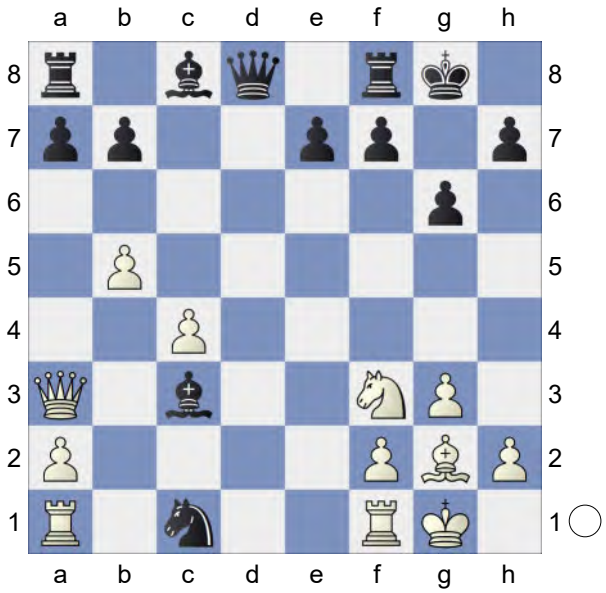
[13.d4± 0.99/23 Nc2 14.Qxc5 Nxd4 15.Nc3 *(15.Nxd4 Bxd4 16.Qb4 Bxa1=)* 15...Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Bxc3 17.Bh6]

13...Nxd3±

[13...Bxa1? 14.Qxc5 Qxd3 15.Bh6+-]

14.Qa3 And now Nc3 would win.

14...Nxc1 15.Nc3 Bxc3

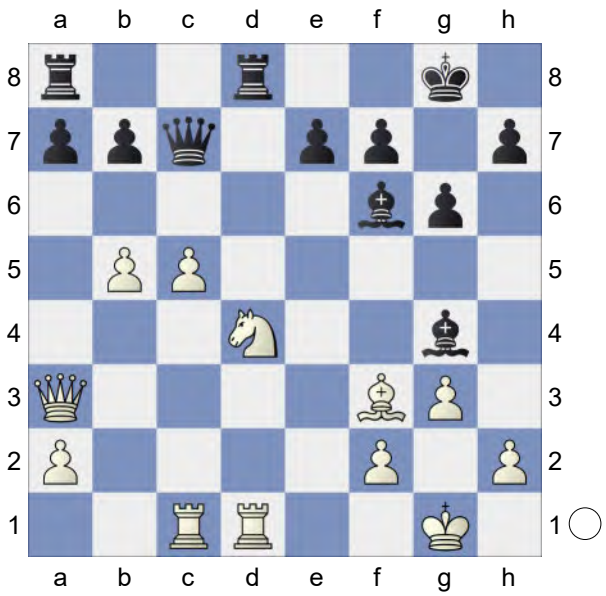


16.Raxc1 Bf6 17.c5 Dodges Qb6. White is more active. **17...Qc7 18.Rfd1 Bf5 19.Nd4** Nxf5 is the strong threat. **19...Bg4 20.Bf3**

[20.c6!? bxc6 21.Rd3± *(21.Rxc6? Qd7-+)*]

20...Rfd8

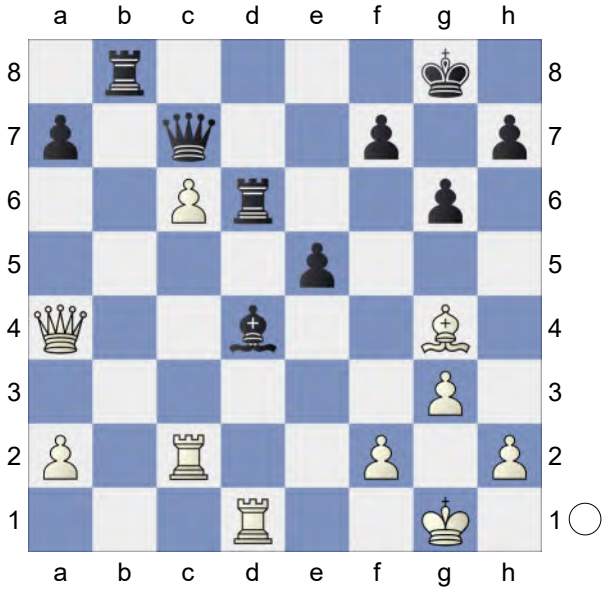
(Diagram)



21.Bxg4 Bxd4 22.c6 0.11/21

[22.Kg2± 0.48/21]

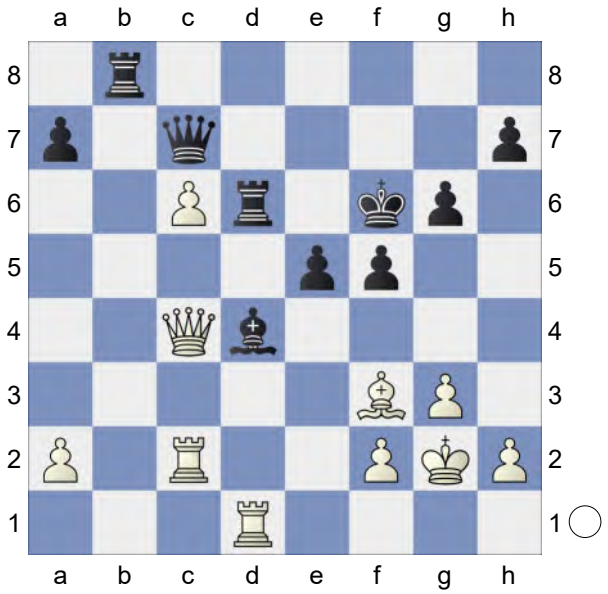
22...bxc6= Black is weak on the light squares **23.bxc6 Rab8 24.Rc2 Rd6 25.Qa4 e5**



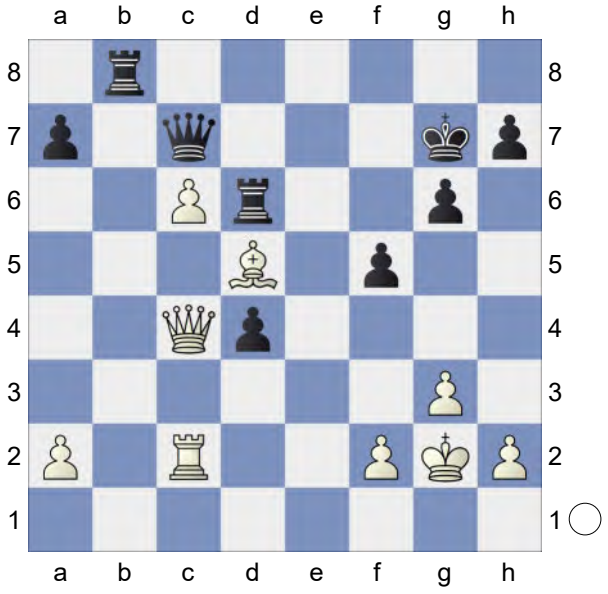
26.Kg2 f5 27.Qc4+ Kg7 28.Bf3 Kf6 1.57/22

[28...Bb6± 0.38/20]

(Diagram)



White leaves nothing to chance now.
29.Bd5!± Kg7 2.51/23
[29...Bb6± 1.40/23 was necessary. 30.f4 Re8]
30.Rxd4+- exd4



31.Qxd4+ Rf6

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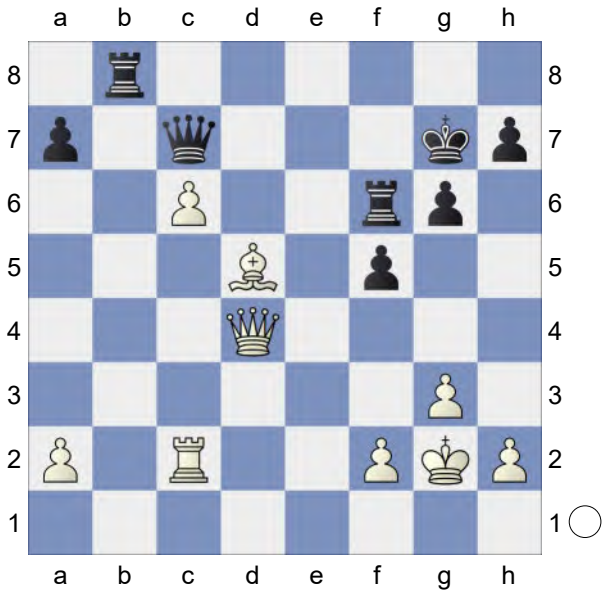

32.Re2! f4? 4.95/24
[32...g5 3.00/21 33.Re5 Qb6 34.Re7+ Kg6 35.Bf7+ Deflection *(35.Qe5 Rh8+-)* 35...Rxf7 36.Re6+ Kh5 37.Qd1+ g4 38.Qd2 Rf6 39.Rxf6 Qe3 40.Qxe3 Rh8 41.Rh6#]
33.g4 2.07/23
[⌓33.Re6 4.95/24 f3+ 34.Bxf3]
33...f3+ 34.Bxf3 g5 would now be deadly. **34...Rd8?** 4.55/26
[34...Qf4 2.20/23 was worth a try. 35.Re7+ *(35.Qxa7+ Rf7+-)* 35...Kh8 36.Qxf4 *(36.Qxa7* gets mated. *Qxf3+ 37.Kf1 Rb1+ 38.Re1 Qh3+ 39.Ke2 Rb2+* Skewer *40.Kd1 Qd3+ 41.Kc1 Qd2#)* 36...Rxf4]
35.Qc3 White is clearly winning. **35...g5** 8.06/23
[⌓35...h6 4.49/25 36.h4 Kf7]

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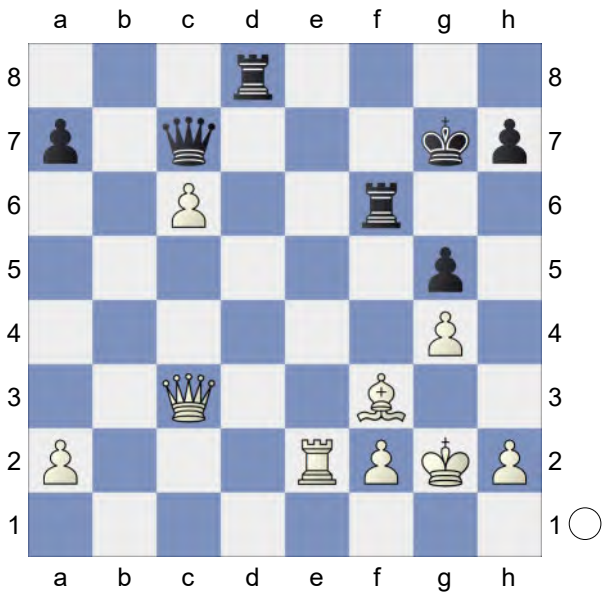
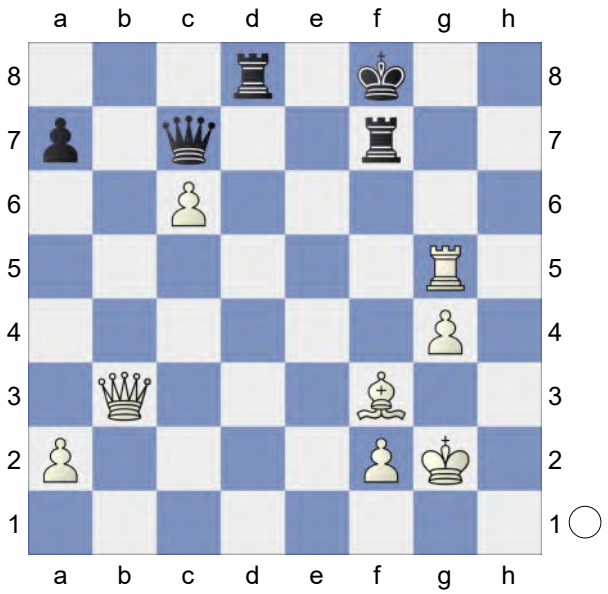


36.h4! h6

[36...Qf4 37.c7]

37.hxg5 hxg5 38.Re5 Kf7 39.Qb3+ Kf8 40.Rxg5 Rf7



41.Qc3 Qf4 42.Rh5 Ke7 43.Qc5+ Ke6 44.Bd5+

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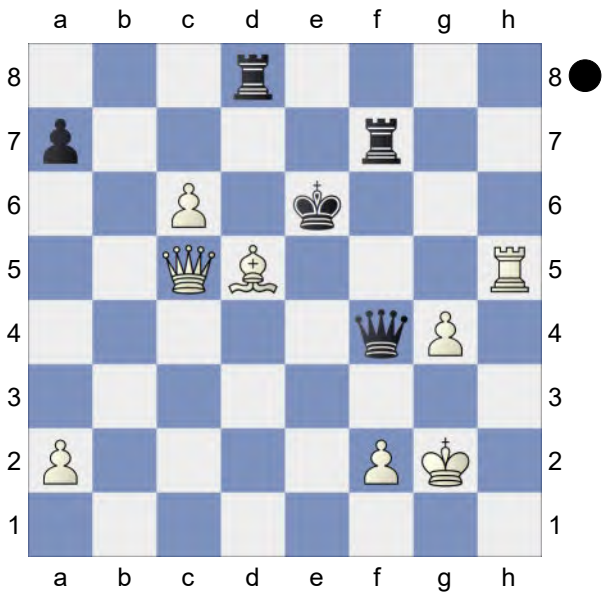

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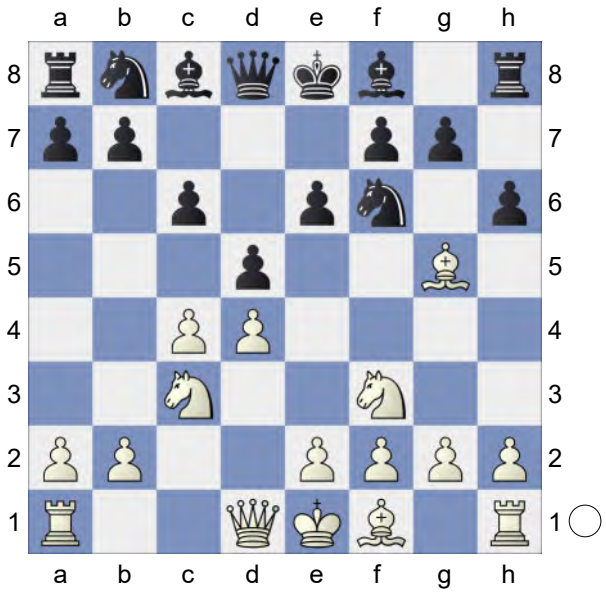
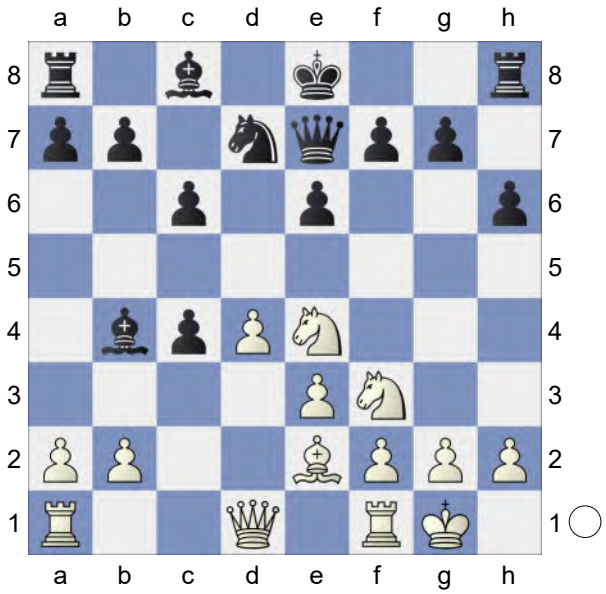
10 **D43**
□ **Paehtz,Elisabeth** **2427**
■ **Munguntuul,Batkhuyag** **2331**
FIDE Women's Grand Prix - Monaco 202..
[Kitty Kat]

D43: Semi-Slav: 5 Bg5 h6 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 h6**

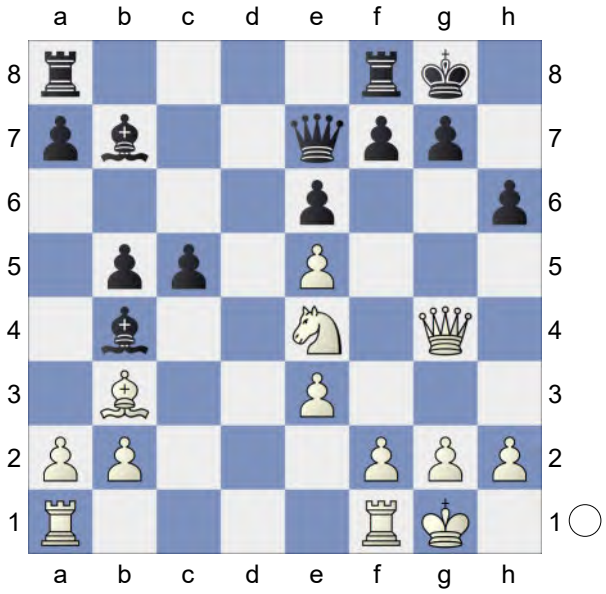


6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 Nd7 8.Be2 dxc4
[8...Bd6 9.0-0 Qe7 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Bc7 12.c5 0-0 13.Re1 Ba5 14.Rf1 Bc7 15.Qc2 e5 16.Bc4 Nf6 17.Nxf6+ Qxf6 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.dxe5 Qxe5 20.Rfe1 Qg5 21.Re3 Bf5 22.Qc3 Bg6 23.Rae1 ½-½ Hantel,T (2797)-Vit Spelar Sgf3 (2706) 1987 (3.1)]
[8...Qd8 9.0-0 Be7 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nf6 12.Qc2 0-0 13.Rfd1 Qc7 14.c5 Bd7 15.Ne5 Rfd8 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.Qe4 Be8 18.Bd3 g6 19.Bc4 Bg7 20.h4 h5 21.Rac1 b6 22.Bb3 Rac8 23.Rd3 1-0 Martirosyan,H (2667)-Ponkratov,P (2564) Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (4)]
9.0-0 Bb4N
[9...g6 10.Ne4 Qe7 11.Ne5 Bg7 12.f4 0-0 13.Bxc4 Nf6 *(13...Rd8 14.Qf3 Kh7 15.Qg3 Nf8 16.h4 f5 17.Nc5 Bf6 18.h5 gxh5 19.Rad1 Bxe5 20.fxe5 Qg5 21.Qf3 Qg4 22.Qf2 b6 23.Nd3 Ng6 24.Nf4 Nxf4 25.exf4 h4 26.Rd3 c5 27.Rh3 Rxd4 28.Be2* 1-0 Pires,A (2686)-Semi Slav Cxd5 (2618) WchT 3rd Luzern 1993 (3.1) *)* 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.Qf3 Bd7 16.g4 Rad8 17.Rac1 Bc8 18.Qg3 a5 19.f5 Bxe5 20.Qxe5 b5 21.f6 Qa7 22.Bd3 Rd5 23.Qf4 Rg5 24.Kh1 1-0 Ostlund,J (2212)-Cederstam Barsk,C (2276) Rilton Cup 50th Stockholm 2022 (9)]
[9...Nb6 10.Nd2 Bb4 11.Nxc4 Nxc4 12.Bxc4 0-0 13.a3 Ba5 14.f4 Bb6 15.b4 Rd8 16.Kh1 Bd7 17.Qb3 Bc7 18.Rad1 Be8 19.Ne4 Qe7 20.Nc5 b6 21.Na6 Bd6 22.a4 b5 23.Be2 bxa4 24.Qc3 ½-½ Wernberg,H (2220)-Olsson,W (2354) Norrkoping Easter op 2023 (4)]
10.Ne4 Qe7

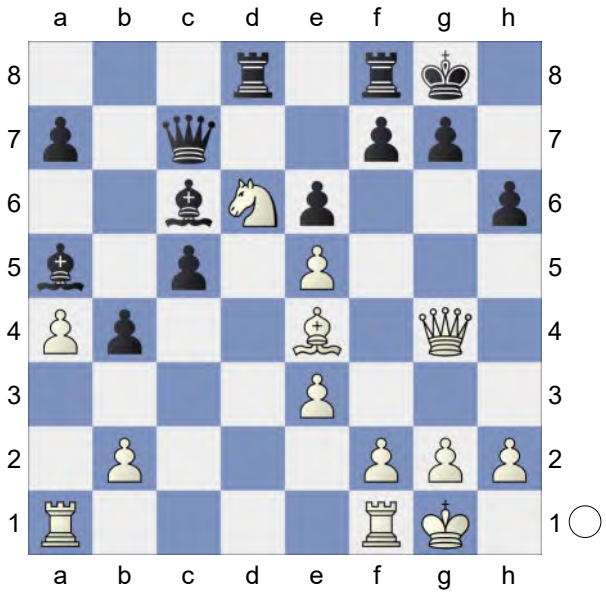


11.Bxc4 0-0 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 b5 14.Bb3 0.11/21
[14.Bd3± 0.49/22]

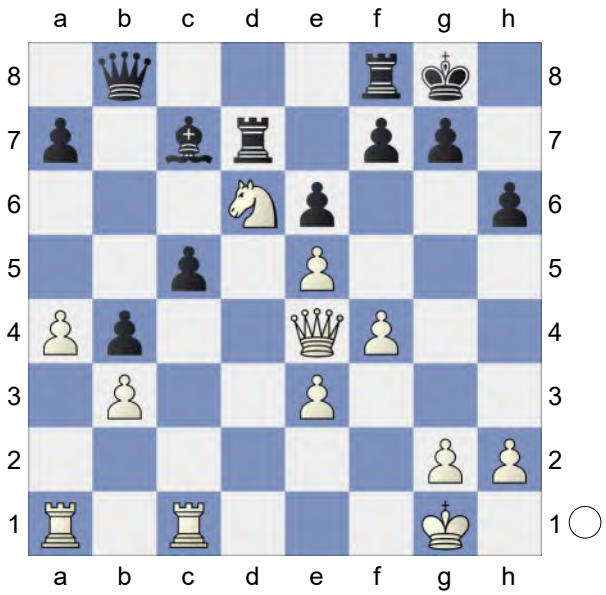
14...c5= **15.Qg4** Black must now prevent Nf6+. **15...Bb7**



16.Bc2 Rad8 0.28/21
[⌓16...c4 -0.16/19]
17.a3 Ba5 18.Nd6 Bc6 19.a4
[19.Be4 simplifies Bxe4 20.Qxe4 Bc7 21.Nxb5 Rd5 22.Nc3]
19...b4 20.Be4 Qc7 0.83/23
[20...Bxe4= -0.27/22 21.Qxe4 Bc7]

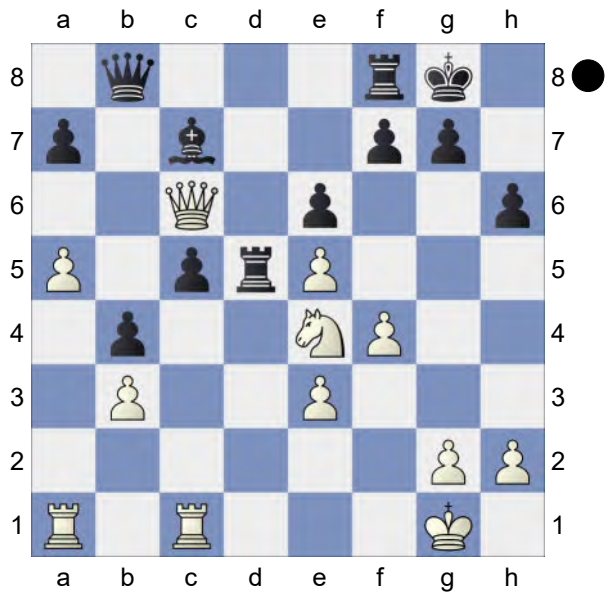


21.Qf3± Bxe4 22.Qxe4 Rd7 1.01/20
[22...b3± 0.63/21]
23.Rfc1 Bb6 24.b3 Qb8 1.21/23
Black is weak on the light squares
[⌓24...Qd8 0.83/22]
25.f4 0.35/20
[25.Qc6± 1.21/23 Rfd8 26.g3]
25...Bc7

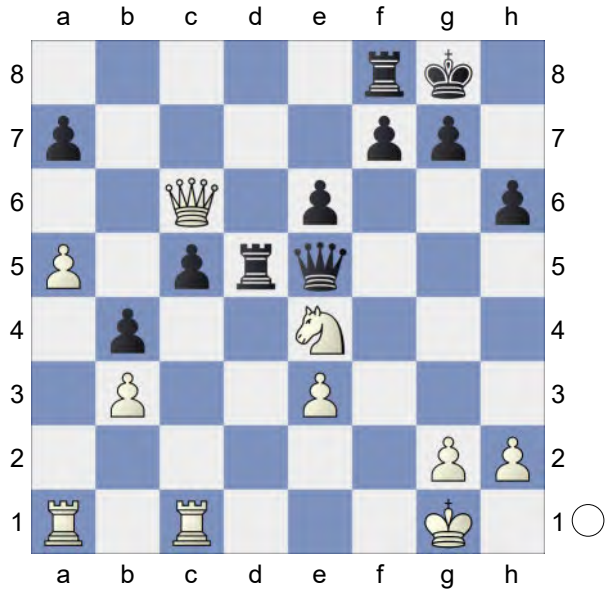


26.Qc6
[26.Rxc5 a5± *(26...Bxd6 27.exd6 Qxd6 28.Qxb4=)*]
26...Rdd8 0.87/21
[26...Qd8± 0.32/23]
27.Ne4 -0.11/23
[27.Qxc5? Bb6 *(27...Bxd6 28.exd6 Qxd6 29.Qxa7=)* 28.Qc4 Bxe3+ 29.Kh1 Bxc1 30.Rxc1 Qb6-+]
[White should play 27.Rd1!± 0.87/21]
27...Rd5 28.a5
[28.Rxc5 Rxc5 *(28...Bb6 29.Rxd5 Bxe3+ 30.Kh1∓)* 29.Qxc5 Bb6∓]

(Diagram)

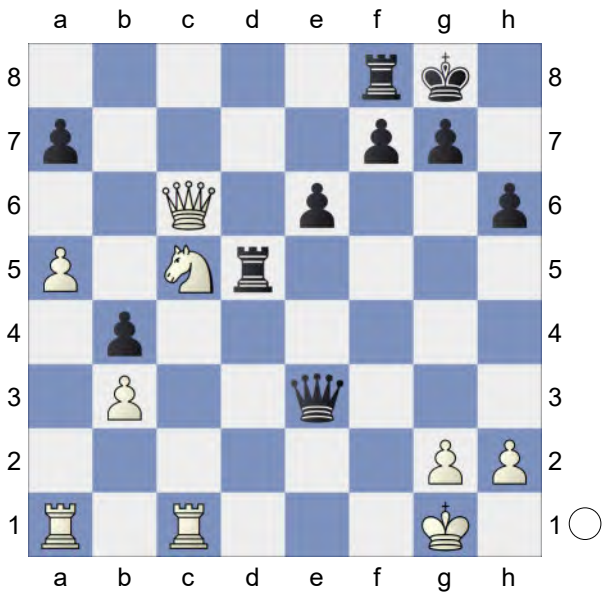


28...Bxe5 0.50/22 **29.fxe5± Qxe5**

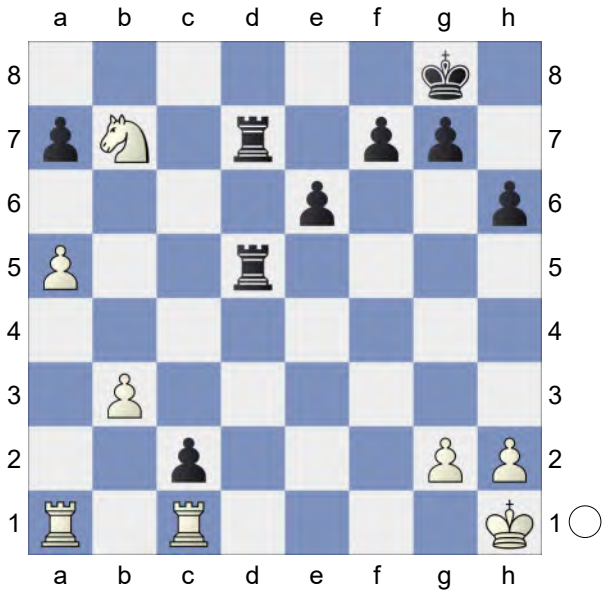


30.Nxc5 0.12/27
[30.Nf2!± 0.75/24]
30...Qxe3+

(Diagram)

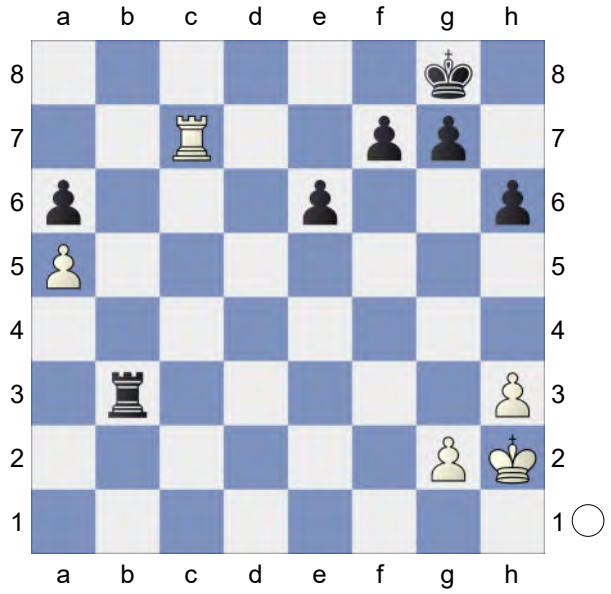


31.Kh1 Rfd8 32.Nb7 R8d7 33.Re1?
-3.19/26
[33.a6± 0.37/23 stays ahead.]
33...Qc3-+ 34.Qxc3
[Reject 34.Qa6 Qxa1 *(34...Qxb3 35.Qxa7 Qc2 36.a6±)* 35.Rxa1 Rd1+]
34...bxc3 35.Rec1
[Don't go for 35.a6? c2-+]
35...c2

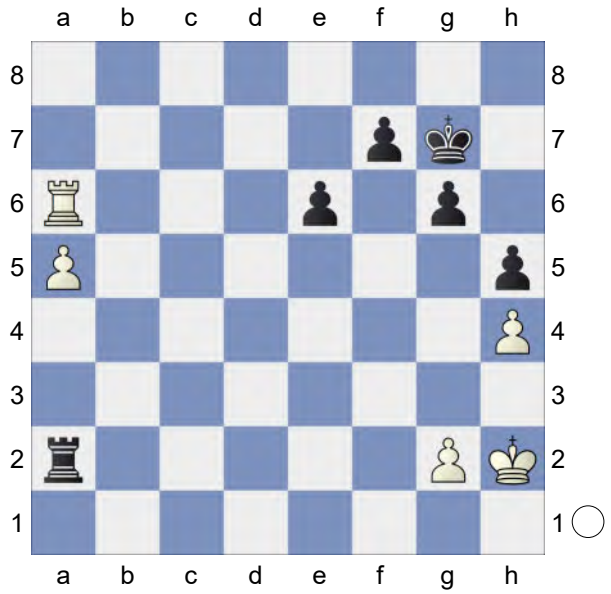


(→ ...Rd1+) **36.h3 Rd1+ 37.Kh2**
a6 would now be deadly. **37...Rxc1**
38.Rxc1 Rxb7 39.Rxc2 Rxb3

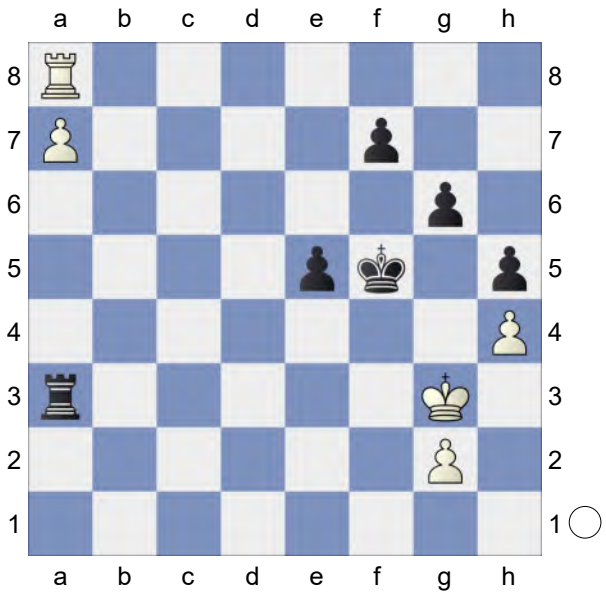
Endgame. Hoping for ...Ra3. KR-KR
40.Rc7 a6



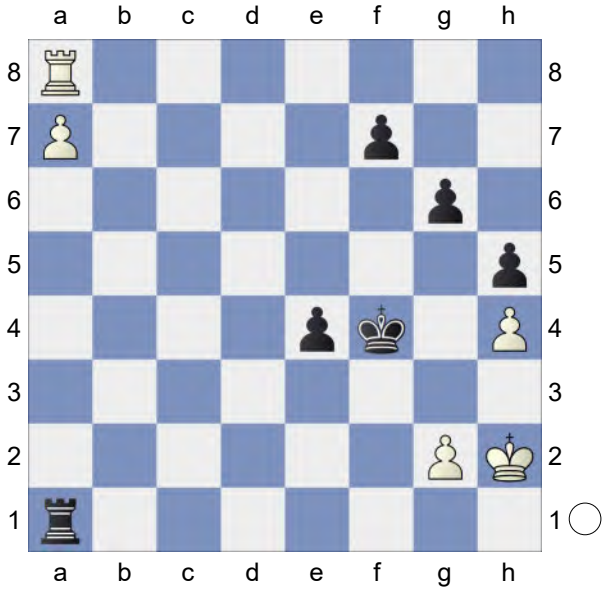
41.Rc6 Ra3 42.Rxa6 g6 -0.77/28
[42...Ra4-+ -1.72/26 has better winning chances. And now ...g6 would win. 43.g4 Kh7]
43.Kg1? -2.62/27
[43.g4∓ -0.77/28]
43...Ra2 44.Kh2 h5 ...h4 is the strong threat. **45.h4 Kg7**



46.Kg3 -2.49/32
[46.Kg1∓ -1.57/30]
46...Kf6 47.Ra7 Ra4 48.a6 e5
49.Ra8? -3.67/29
[49.Kh3 -1.65/29]
49...Kf5 50.a7? -6.22/30
[50.Ra7 -3.55/28 Ke6 51.Kh3]
50...Ra3+



Black is clearly winning. **51.Kh2 e4**
52.Kg1 Kf4 53.Kh2 Ra1



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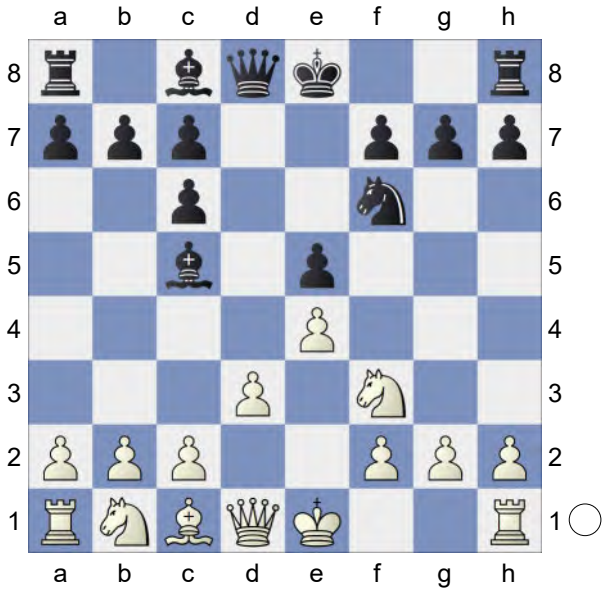
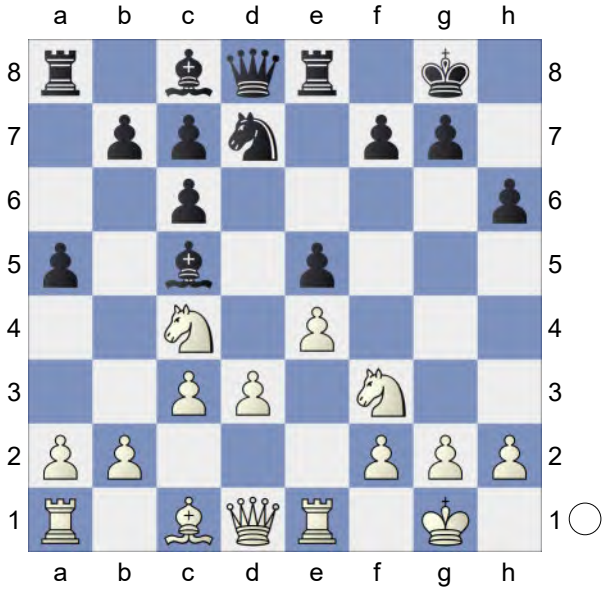
11 **C65**
□ **Munguntuul,Batkhuyag** **2331**
■ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2546**
FIDE Women's Grand Prix - Monaco 202..
[Kitty Kat]

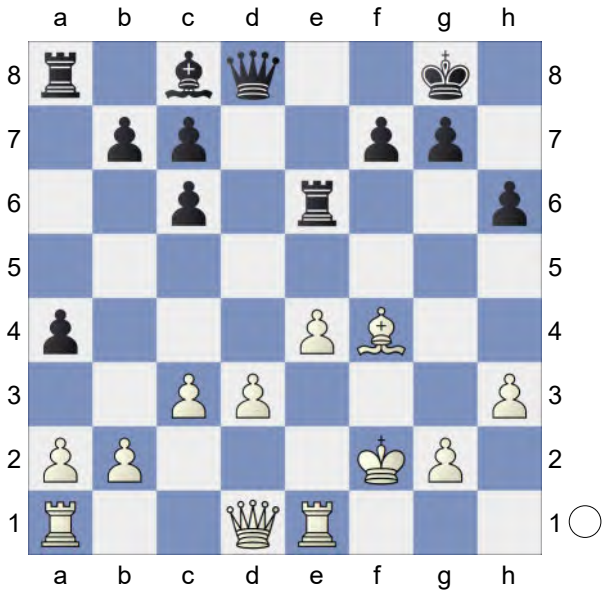
C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Bxc6 dxc6**



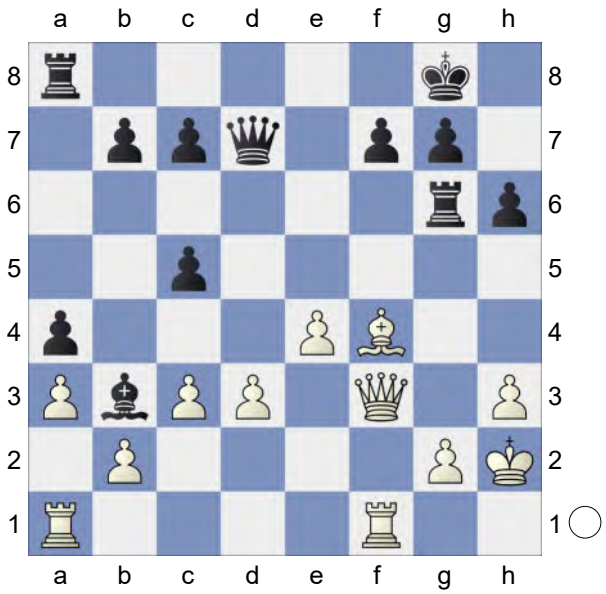
6.0-0
[6.Nxe5? is the wrong capture. Qd4 7.Be3 Qxe5-+]
6...Nd7 7.c3 h6 8.Nbd2 White has an edge.
[8.Re1 0-0 9.Nbd2 Re8 10.Nf1 a5 11.Ng3 a4 12.h3 Nf8 13.Qc2 Qf6 14.Qe2 Ng6 15.Nh5 Qd6 16.Bd2 Bb6 17.d4 exd4 18.cxd4 f5 19.Ng3 Bd7 20.Qc4+ Be6 21.Qc2 fxe4 22.Rxe4 Bd7 1-0 Maghsoodloo,P (2712)-Vidit,S (2739) Chennai Grand Masters 2024 (2.3)]
8...0-0 9.Nc4 Re8 10.Re1N
[10.b4 Bd6 11.Be3 Nf8 12.Nfd2 Ng6 13.Nxd6 cxd6 14.a4 d5 15.Nb3 b6 16.a5 Rb8 17.Qc2 Be6 18.Rfb1 Re7 19.c4 d4 20.Bd2 f5 21.axb6 axb6 22.f3 Rf7 23.Rf1 Kh7 24.exf5 Bxf5 1-0 Molina,R (2855)-10.♗a3 b6 11.ba5 ♘h5_1525 (2758) 109/(48) Russia 2010 (9) 25.Be1 Qg5 26.Rd1 h5 27.Bd2 Qh4 28.Rde1 Ra8 29.Ra1 Raf8 30.Ra6 e4 31.Nxd4 exf3 32.Nxf3 Bh3 33.Rf2 Rxf3 34.gxf3 Rf5 35.d4 Qxd4 36.Ra3 Rf7 37.Re3 Bf5 38.Qc3 Qd8 39.Re1 Rd7 1-0 Carlsen,M (2839)-Vidit,S (2716) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (1.18) 40.Qe3 Rd4 41.Qg5 Qxg5+ 42.Bxg5 Rxc4 43.Rb2 b5 44.Kf2 c5 45.bxc5 Rxc5 46.Rc1 Rd5 47.Rd2 Rxd2+ 48.Bxd2 Ne5 49.Rc7 b4 50.Rb7 Be6 51.Re7 Nd3+ 52.Ke3 Bc4 53.Kd4 1-0 Carlsen,M (2855)-Karjakin,S (2758) Norway Chess 9th Stavanger 2021 (9)]
10...a5



11.h3 -0.33/22
[11.a4= 0.04/20]
11...a4∓ 12.Ncxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Rxe5 15.Bf4 Re6 0.01/21
[15...Qf6∓ -0.45/22 16.Qf3 Re7]



16.Kg1= Rg6 17.Qf3 c5 18.Rf1 Be6 19.a3 Qd7 20.Kh2 Bb3



21.Qe2 Wards off Bc2 **21...Re8 22.c4** -0.56/20

[22.Rf3= -0.10/19]

22...b5 -0.13/23

[22...Rge6∓ -0.56/20 was preferrable.]

23.cxb5 Qxb5 24.Rac1 The position is equal. **24...Qc6 25.Rfe1 Rge6**

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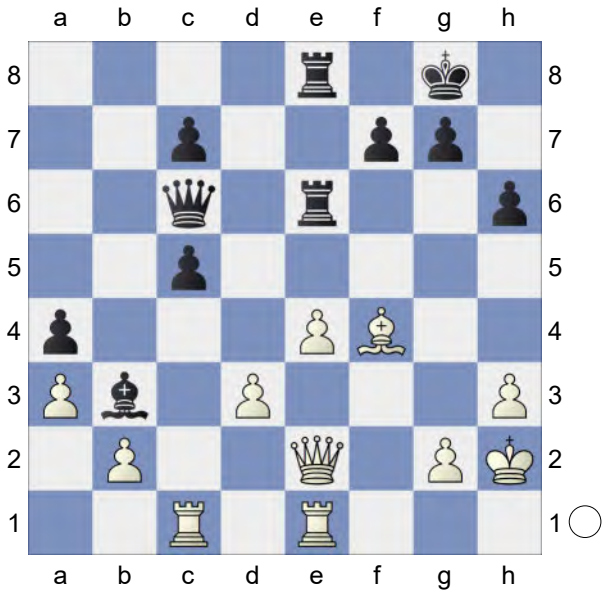
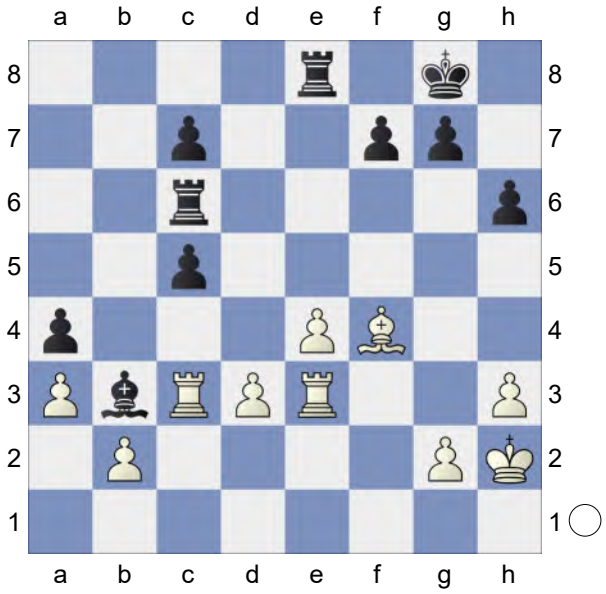


26.Qf2 Qd7 27.Qg3 Qd4 28.Rc3 Rg6 29.Qe3 Qxe3 30.Rxe3 Rc6



31.Re1 f5 32.Be3 fxe4 33.Bxc5 Rce6 34.dxe4 Rxe4 35.Rce3 Rxe3

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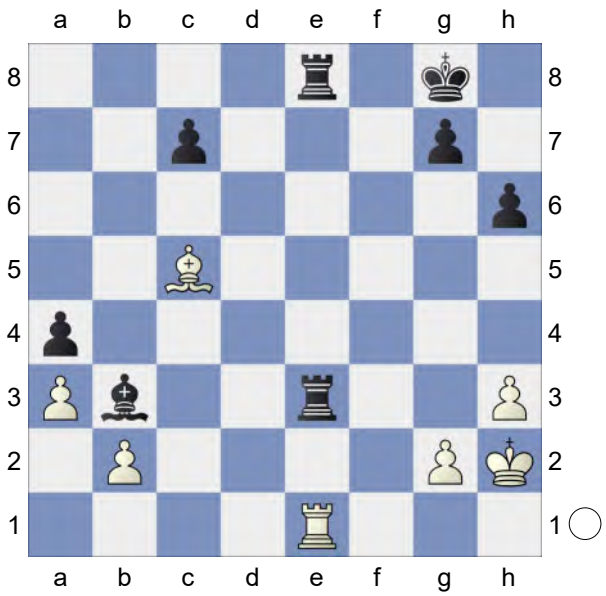
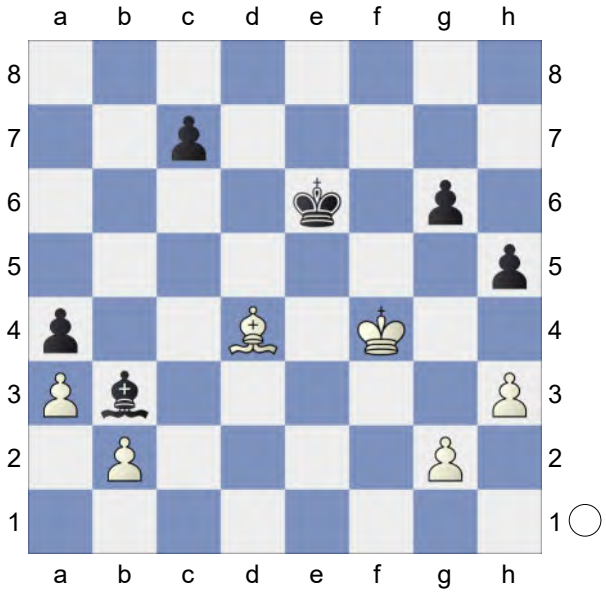


36.Rxe3 Rxe3 37.Bxe3 Kf7 38.Bd4 g6 39.Kg3 h5 40.Kf4 Ke6



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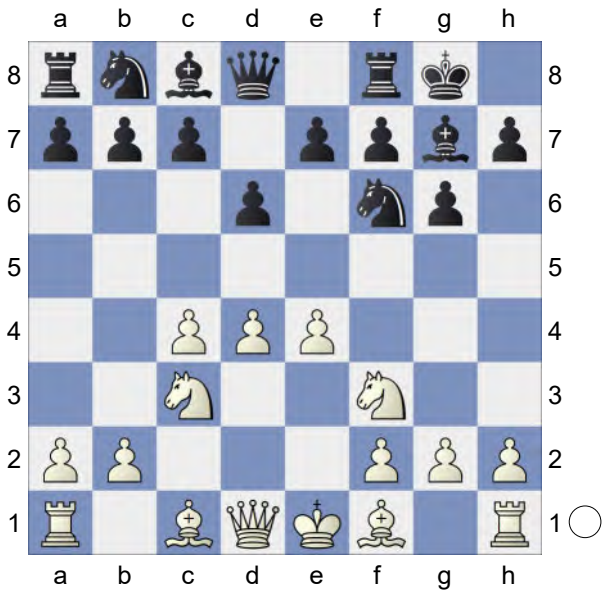
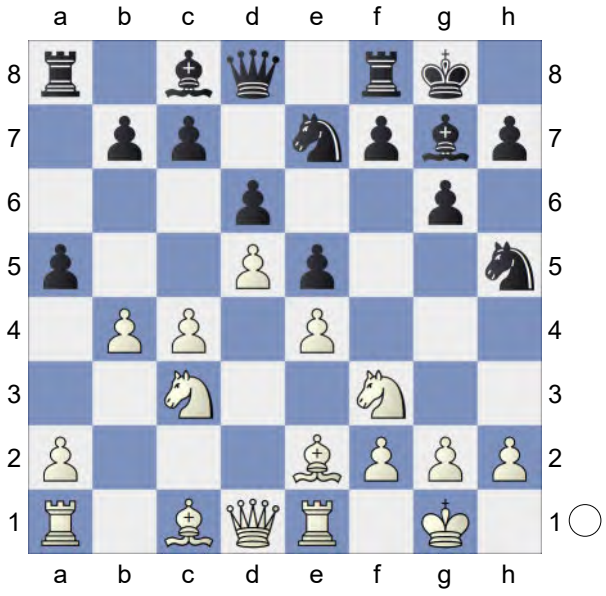
12 **E97**
□ **Kosteniuk,Alexandra** **2484**
■ **Paehtz,Elisabeth** **2427**
FIDE Women's Grand Prix - Monaco 202..
[Kitty Kat]

E97: King's Indian: Classical Main Line (6...e5 7 0-0 Nc6): 8 Be3 and 8 d5 Ne7, not 9 Ne1 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0**

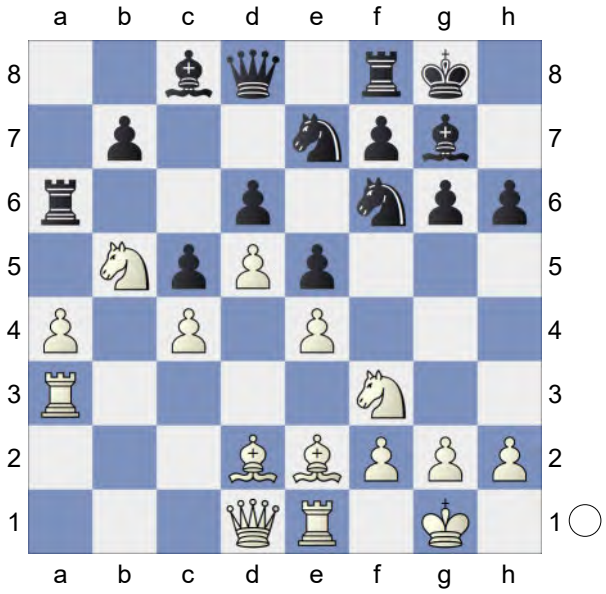


6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 a5

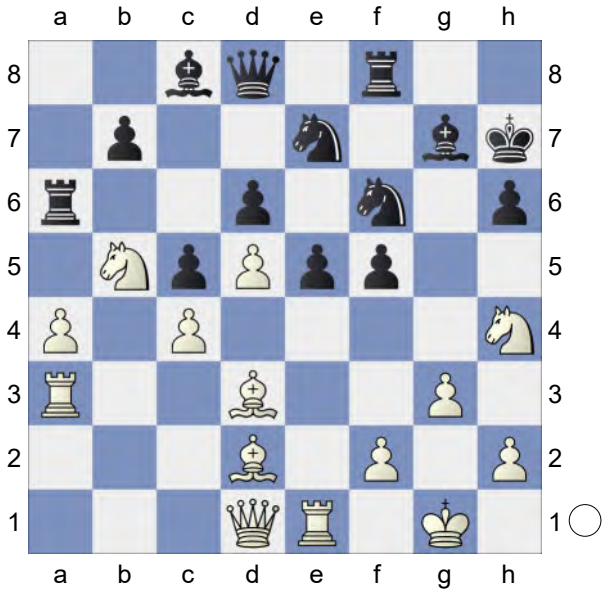


11.bxa5 Rxa5 12.a4 h6N 1.10/20
[12...f5± 0.64/20 feels stronger.]
[12...c5 13.Nb5 *(13.Ra3 Nf6 14.Bb2 Kh8 15.Nd2 Nd7 16.Nb5 Ra6 17.Qc2 f5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Bd3 Nf6 20.f3 Bd7 21.Nf1 Be8 22.Ng3 Bg6 23.Nxf5 Nxf5 24.Bxf5 Bxf5 25.Qxf5 Nxd5 26.Qe4 Nb4 27.Qxb7 Rf4 ½-½* Pelletier,Y (2479)-Dydyshko,V (2521) EU-chT (Men) 12th Batumi 1999 (8.4)*)* 13...Ra6 *(13...Nf6 14.Bf1 Ne8 15.Ra3 Ra8 16.Bd2 f5 17.exf5 Nxf5 18.Qc1 h6 19.Bd3 Qf6* Polak,T (2535)-Jakovenko,D (2726) 110/320 Plovdiv 2010*)* 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Bb2 Ne8 16.Rf1 f5 17.f4 exf4 18.Bxg7 Nxg7 19.Rxf4 g5 20.Rf1 Sieciechowicz,M (2446)-Tregubov,P (2247) Warszawa (rapid) 110/(320) 2010]
[12...Nf4 13.Bxf4 exf4 14.Qd2 h6 15.Nb5 Ra8 16.Rac1 g5 17.Bd1 Ng6 18.c5 g4 19.Nfd4 Be5 20.Nf5 h5 21.cxd6 cxd6 22.Qb4 Bxf5 23.exf5 Nh4 24.g3 fxg3 25.hxg3 Nxf5 26.Bc2 Ng7 27.Rxe5 0-1 Mammadova,G (2349)-Hesham,A (2409) Sharjah Challengers 6th 2023 (5)]
[12...b6 13.Ra3 Bd7 14.Bd3 h6 15.Bd2 Ra8 16.g3 Qe8 17.Nb5 Bxb5 18.cxb5 f5 19.Nh4 fxe4 20.Bxe4 Nf6 21.Bg2 g5 22.Nf3 Nfxd5 23.Nd4 Qf7 24.Rf3 Qg6 25.Nc6 Rae8 26.Qb3 Rxf3 27.Nxe7+ 1-0 Chigaev,M (2632)-Harshavardhan,G (2426) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Late Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (7)]
13.Bd2 0.62/19
[13.Ba3± 1.10/20]
13...c5 1.02/18
[13...Nf6± 0.62/19]

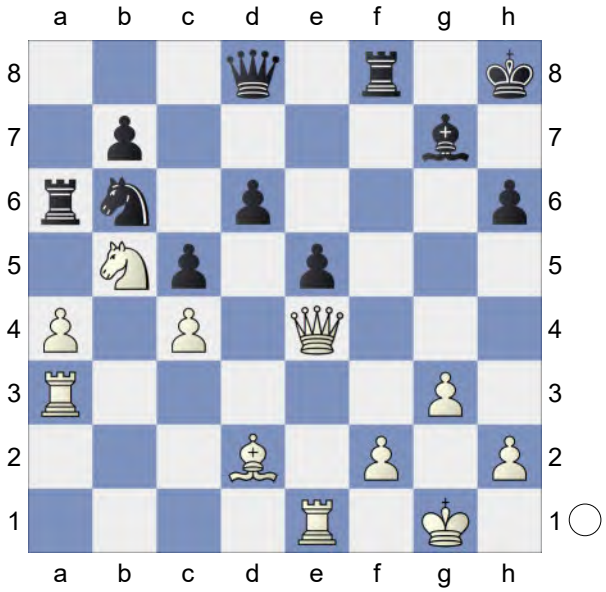
14.Nb5 White is better. **14...Ra6 15.Ra3 Nf6**



16.Bf1 0.71/21
[⌓16.Bd3 1.14/20]
16...Ne8 17.g3 0.58/20
[17.h3± 0.98/18]
17...f5± 18.exf5 gxf5 1.32/20
[18...Nxf5± 0.53/20 19.Bd3 g5]
19.Nh4± Kh7 20.Bd3 White has more active pieces. **20...Nf6** 1.68/20
[20...Bd7± 1.32/17 keeps fighting. 21.Bc2 Kg8]



21.Qb1+- Kh8 22.Nxf5 1.28/25
[22.Bc2+- 1.78/19]
22...Bxf5 1.66/20
[22...Nxf5± 1.28/25 23.Bxf5 Bxf5 24.Qxf5 Nxd5]
23.Bxf5 Nxf5 24.Qxf5 Qe6 is the strong threat. **24...Nxd5 25.Qe4 Nb6** 3.15/22
[25...Nb4 1.62/21 26.Qxb7 d5]



26.a5
[26.Qxb7?! Qa8 27.Qxa8 *(27.Nxd6 Qxb7 28.Nxb7 Nxc4±)* 27...Rfxa8+-]
26...d5 27.cxd5 Qxd5 28.Rd3
[28.axb6 Qxd2 29.Rxa6 *(29.Re2 Qc1+ 30.Re1 Qb2=)* 29...bxa6± *(29...Qxf2+ 30.Kh1±)*]
28...Qxe4 29.Rxe4 Nc8 30.Rd7 Raf6

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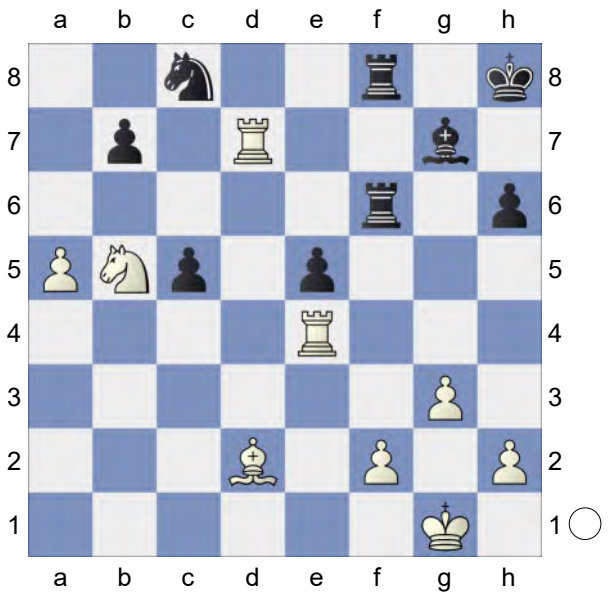
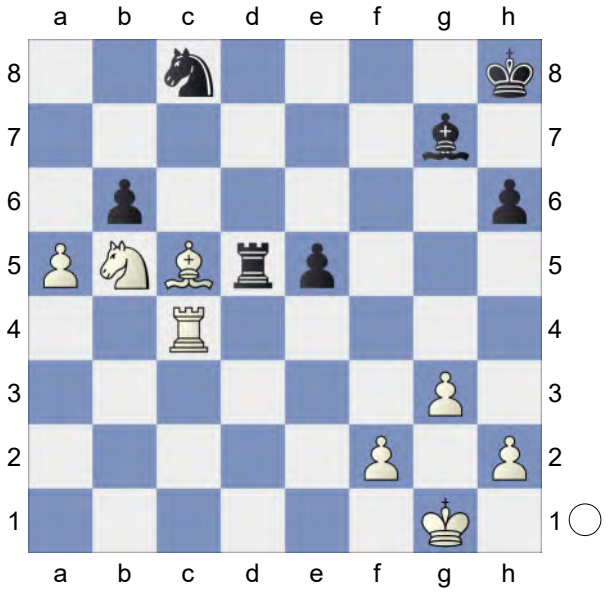
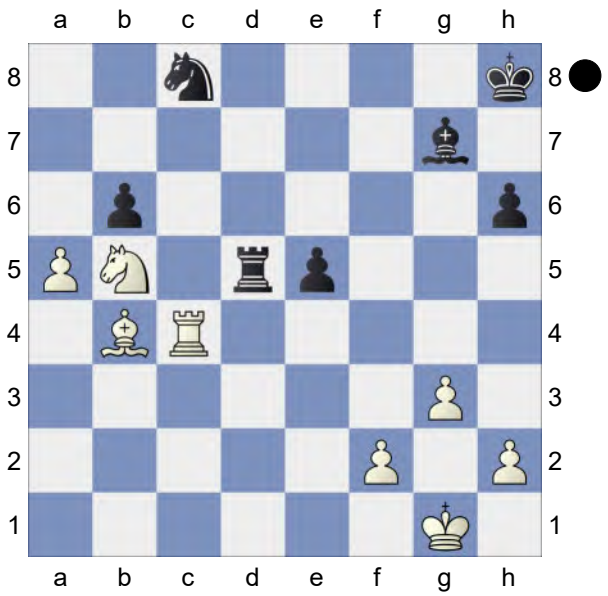


31.Be3 2.57/24
[Weaker is 31.Rxb7 Rxf2 32.Bc3 *(32.Be3 Ra2+-)* 32...Rf1+ 33.Kg2 R8f2+ 34.Kh3 Rh1+-]
[⌓31.Rxe5 4.34/23 Rxf2 32.Rxc5]
31...R6f7 32.Rxf7 Rxf7 33.Bxc5 Rd7 34.Rb4 Rd5 35.Rc4 b6? 5.36/28
[35...Rd7 2.87/23 36.Kg2 Kh7]



36.Bb4
[Less strong is 36.axb6 Nxb6 37.Bxb6 Rxb5+-]



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13 **B30**
□ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2561**
■ **Dronavalli,Harika** **2489**
FIDE Women's Grand Prix - Monaco 202..
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Hernandez,Rom; Ibarra Padron,J: 'Inf 73/125' The preparation for a match became more seriously. Chess books had an inferior level and opportunities for practice were sparse at the beginning of the nineteenth century. Openings could be studied by ⇔Bilguer's Handbuch des Schachspiels' and games by chess journals half-a-century later. The train enabled training in other cities. Anderssen and Morphy utilised the new chances for the first time. Their approach to chess is comparable with La Bourdonnais. Pieces are developed as fast as possible in order to take the initiative. If the advantage is large enough, the game is decided by a combination. The adversary is mated or loses a lot of material. Anderssen's innovation lies in the high efficiency of the development. Opponents are crushed quickly. The progress by Morphy lies in his great accuracy. Modern attacks without blunders start by him. He still loses sometimes, because he takes youthful risks. The new approach appeared for the first time in London 1851. The match tournament was organised at the occasion of the first World Fair. Sixteen players from England, Scotland, France, Germany and Hungary fought in the small St. George Club. Anderssen defeated Kieseritzky by two wins in the first round. The draw did not count. Four wins were needed in the next rounds. The first knock-out tournament was won by a new star. Anderssen defeated Kieseritzky by two wins in the first round. The draw did not count. Four wins were needed in the next rounds. Bird, H.: '[Exhibition Tournament, 1851.]' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3**

[3.c3 d6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bd3 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.h3 0-0 8.d5 Nb8 9.Re1 Na6 10.Bf4 Nc7 11.Bf1 b5 12.a4 bxa4 13.Rxa4 a5 14.Bh2 Bd7 15.Ra3 a4 16.Nbd2 Rb8 17.Nc4 Bb5 Siegel,G (2540)-Hernandez Onna,R (2440) La Habana 73/125 1998]

3...e5N

[3...g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 d6 6.d3 e6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Re1 0-0 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bd2 Rb8 11.a4 a6 12.Qc1 Kh7 13.Ne2 b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Bc3 e5 16.h3 Be6 17.g4 b4 18.Bd2 1-0 Winkelmann,A (2183)-Jordan,J (2145) Lueneburg distr Cup final Seevetal 2006 (1)]

[3...e6 4.Bc4 a6 5.a4 Nge7 6.Qe2 Ng6 7.d3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.0-0 f5 10.exf5 Rxf5 11.Nb1 b6 12.c3 Bb7 13.Nbd2 Qc7 14.d4 Nf4 15.Qd1 Raf8 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.Bxf4 Qxf4 18.Re1 0-1 Szen,J-Anderssen,A 92639 London 1851 (2.4) Ne5 19.Be2 Rg5 20.Kf1 Ng4 21.h4 Qh2 22.Bc4 Qh1+ 23.Ke2 Qxg2 24.Nxg5 Bxg5 25.hxg5 Qxf2+ 26.Kd3 Qf5+ 27.Ke2 Qe5+ 28.Kd3 Nf2+ 29.Kc2 Qf5+ 30.Kb3 Nxd1 31.Raxd1 Qxg5 32.Bd3 Rf2 33.Ne4 0-1 Adu,O-2.c4 e5 USSR corr 1987 (2.4)]

4.Bc4 g6 5.d3 Bg7 1.04/20

[Better is 5...h6!± 0.37/19]

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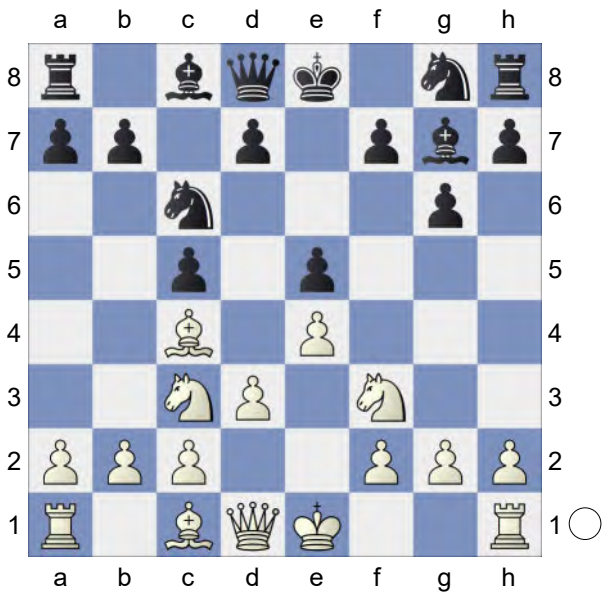
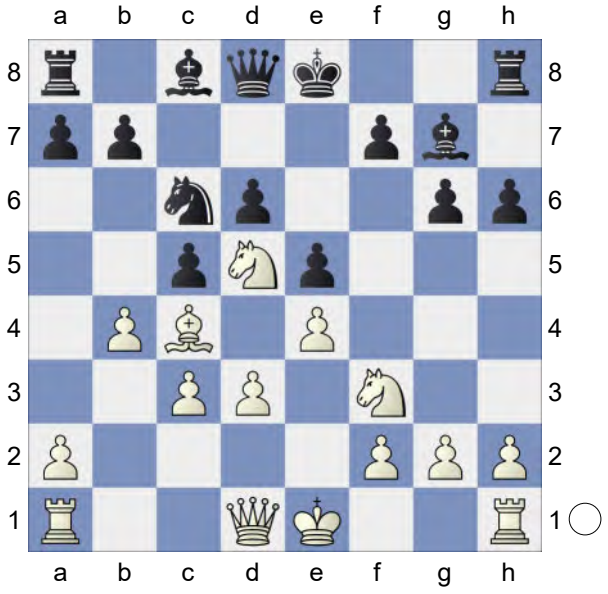
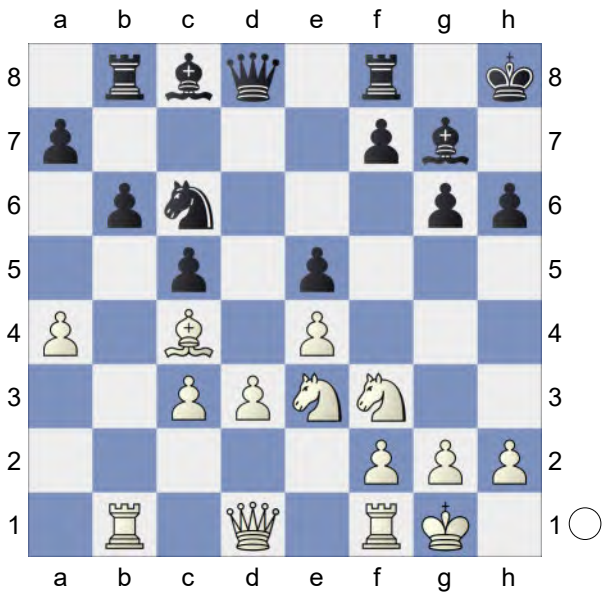


6.Bg5 0.52/20
[6.Be3± 1.04/20]
6...Nf6 7.Nd5 White has more active pieces. **7...h6 8.Bxf6** White is slightly better. **8...Bxf6 9.c3 Bg7 10.b4 d6**

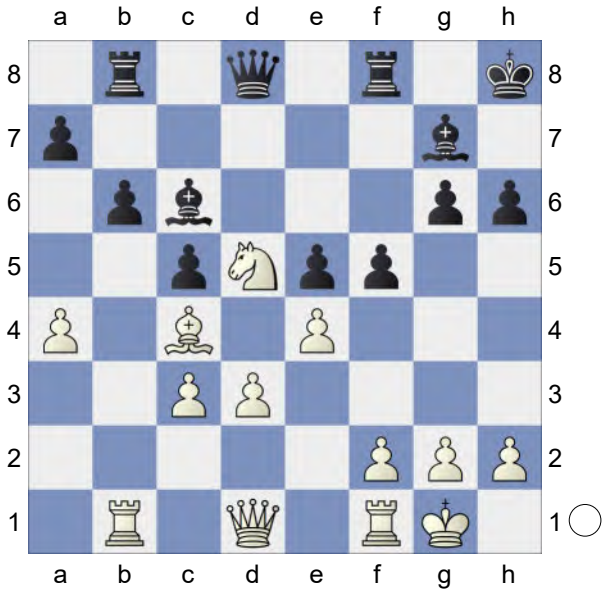


11.bxc5 dxc5 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rb1 b6 14.Ne3 Rb8 15.a4 Kh8

(Diagram)

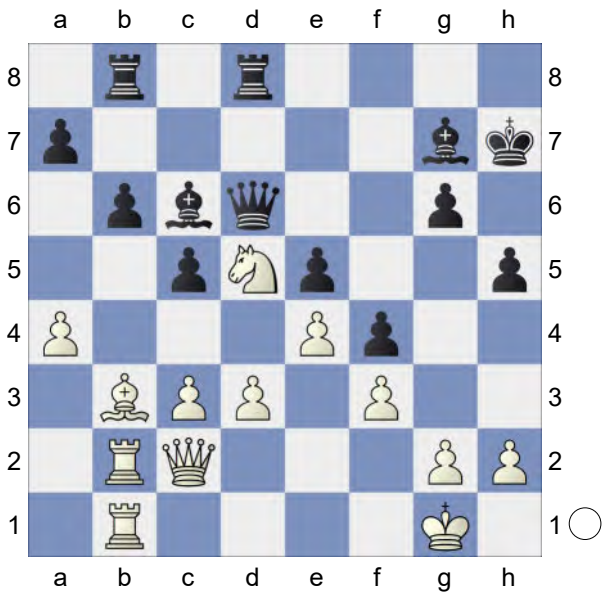


16.Bd5 Na5 17.Nd2 Bd7 18.Ndc4 Nxc4 19.Bxc4 f5 20.Nd5 Bc6

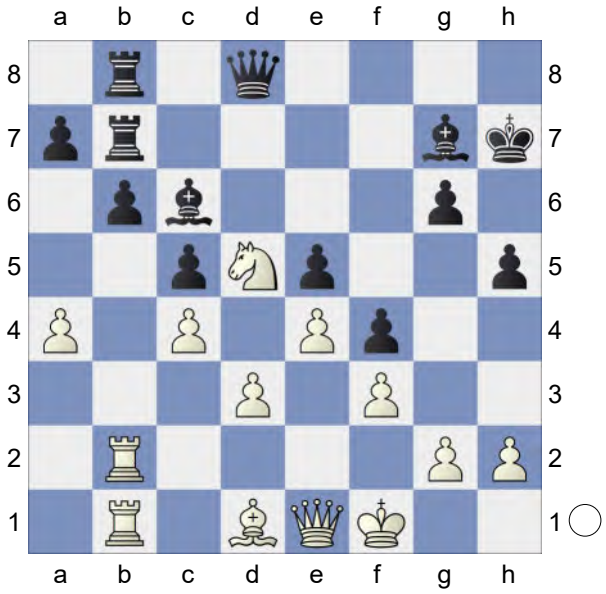


21.Qc2 Qd6 22.Rb2 f4 23.f3 h5 24.Rfb1 Kh7 25.Bb3 Rfd8

(Diagram)



26.c4 Rb7 27.Qc3 Rdb8 28.Bd1 Kh6 29.Kf1 Kh7 30.Qe1 Qd8

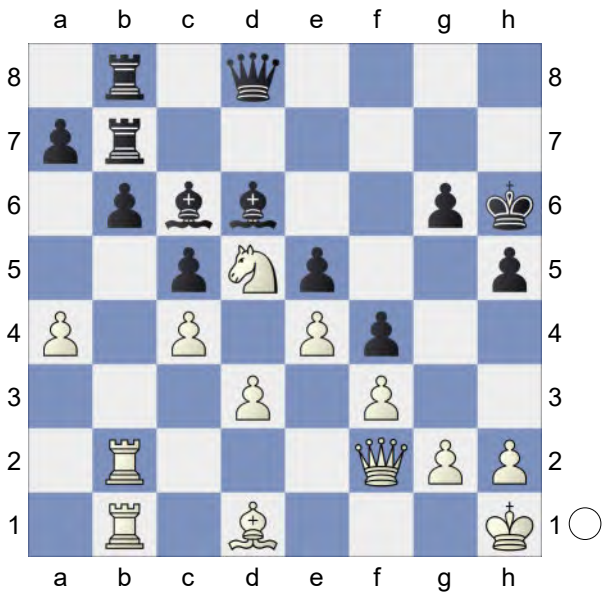


31.Ra2 Kh6 32.Qf2 Bf8 33.Kg1 Bd6 34.Kh1 Bf8 0.01/20

[34...a6∓ -0.38/21]

35.Rab2 Bd6

(Diagram)



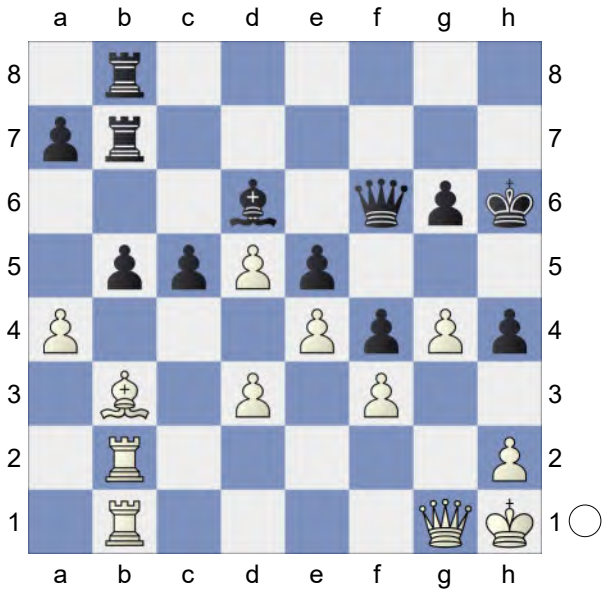
36.Qg1 Qg5 37.g3 -0.44/23

[37.Qe1= -0.04/21 is more appropriate.]

37...Bxd5∓ 38.cxd5 White is weak on the dark squares **38...Qf6 39.g4 h4** 0.01/22

[39...c4∓ -0.38/21]

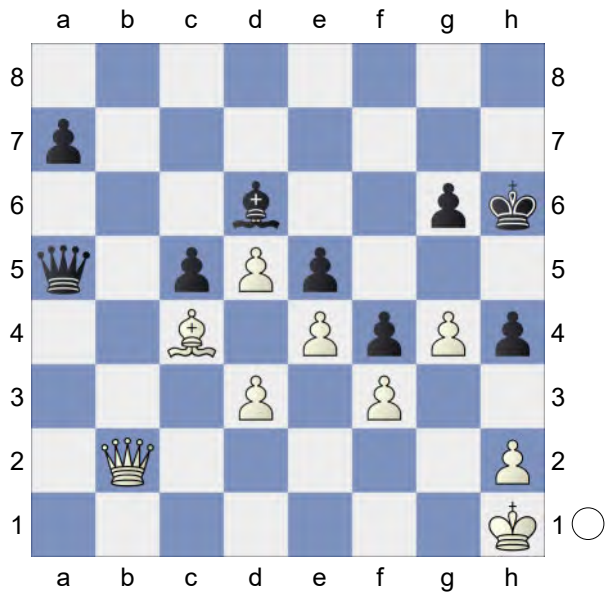
40.Bb3 b5



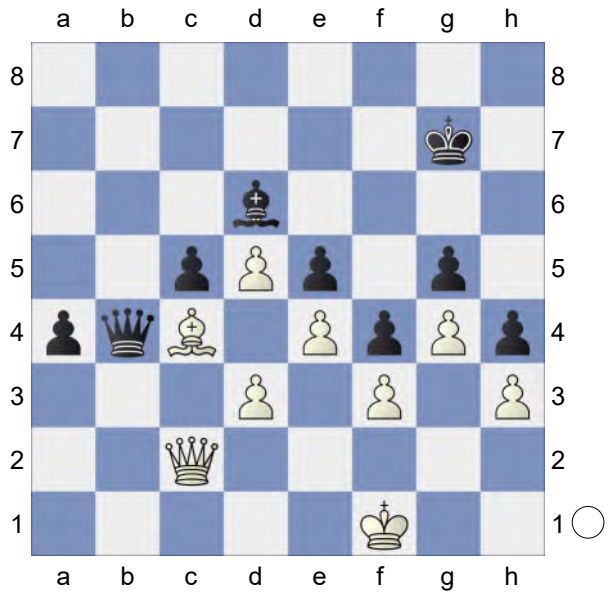
Inhibits Bc4. **41.axb5 Rxb5 42.Qf2 Qd8 43.Bc4 Rxb2 44.Rxb2 Rxb2 45.Qxb2=** Endgame. KQB-KQB

45...Qa5

(Diagram)

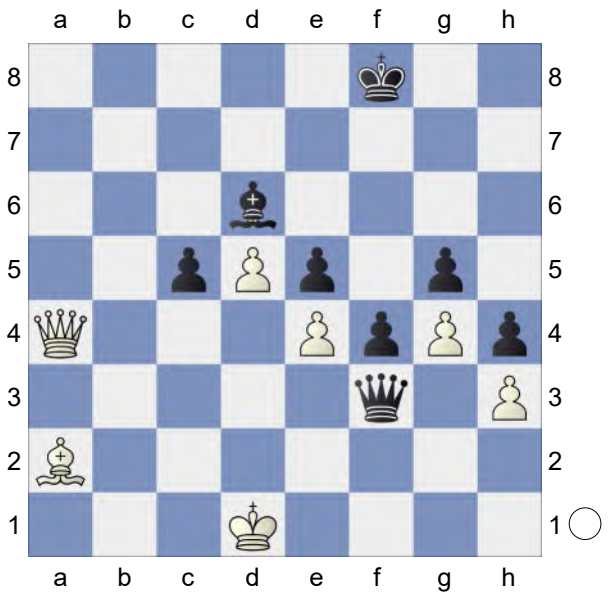


46.Qf2 g5 47.Kg2 Qb4 48.h3 a5 49.Kf1 a4 50.Qc2 Kg7



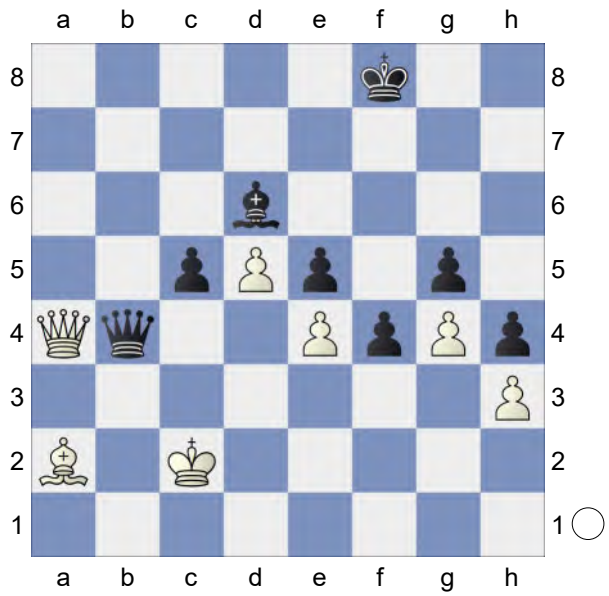
51.Ba2 -0.62/24
[51.Ke2= -0.20/26]
51...Kf8 52.Qc4 Qd2! 53.Qxa4 Qxd3+ 54.Ke1! Qe3+ 55.Kd1 Qxf3+

(Diagram)

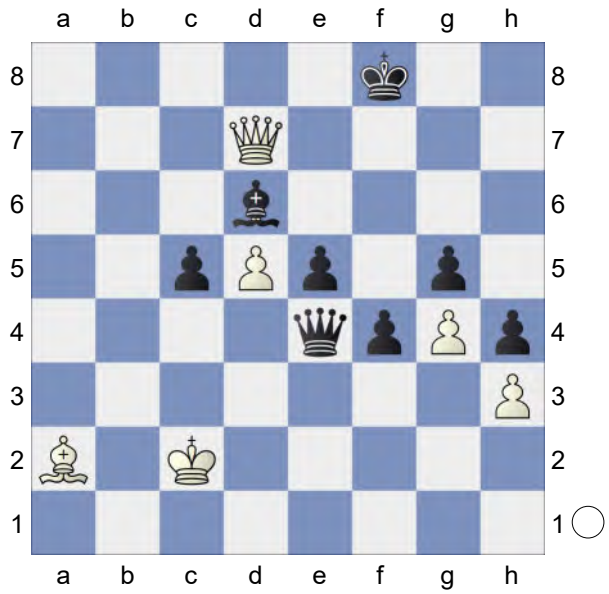


56.Kc2 Qe2+
[Much weaker is 56...Qxh3 57.Qa6 Qg2+ 58.Kc3 Qf3+ 59.Kb2 Qf2+ 60.Ka3=]
57.Kc1 Qe1+ 58.Kc2 Qe2+ 0.01/25
[58...Qf2+∓ -0.61/25 59.Kb1 c4 60.Qxc4 Kg7]
59.Kc1! Qe1+ 0.01/25
[59...Qe3+∓ -1.01/25 60.Kc2 Qf2+ *(60...Qxh3 61.Qc6=)* 61.Kb1 c4 62.Qxc4 Qg1+ 63.Kb2 Ke7]
60.Kc2! Qb4 -0.04/23
[Black should try 60...Qf2+∓ -0.96/24 61.Kd1 c4 62.Bxc4 Qf3+ 63.Be2 Qxh3 64.Qa8+ Kg7]

(Diagram)



61.Qd7 The position is equal. **61...Qxe4+ 62.Kc1! Qe1+ 63.Kc2 Qe4+ 64.Kc1** Really sharp! **64...Qe1+ 65.Kc2! Qe4+**



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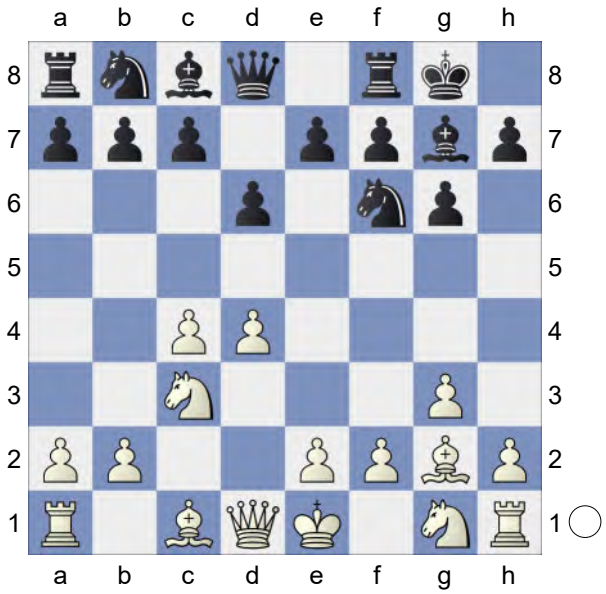
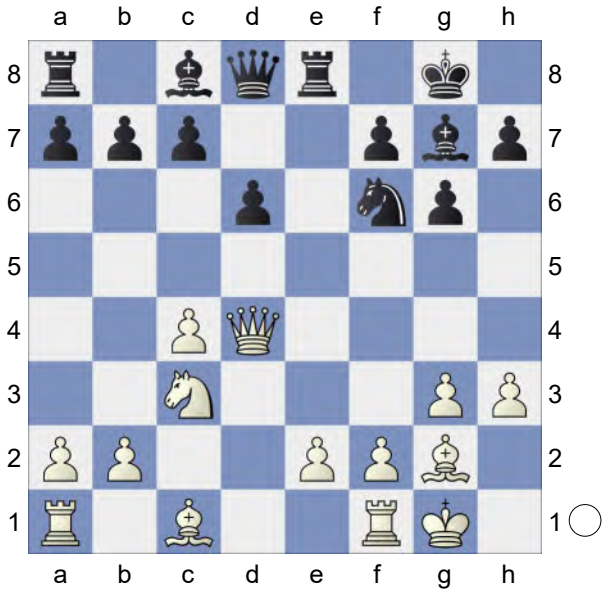
14 **E62**
□ **Koneru,Humpy** **2523**
■ **Assaubayeva,Bibisara** **2492**
FIDE Women's Grand Prix - Monaco 202..
[Kitty Kat]

E62: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c6 and Panno Variation (6...Nc6) without ... a6 E62: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c6 and Panno Variation (6...Nc6) without . .. a6 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d6 5.Nc3 0-0**

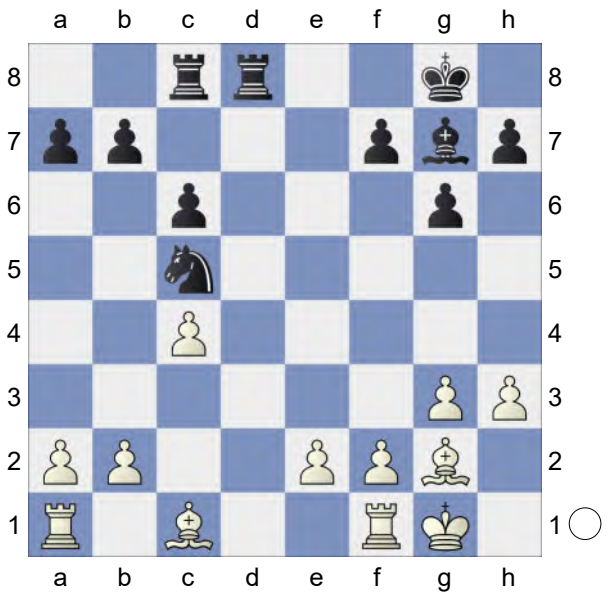


6.Nf3 Nc6 7.0-0 e5 8.h3 exd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Re8N
[10...Nd7 11.Qd2 a5 12.Qc2 Re8 13.Rd1 Nc5 14.e4 Be6 15.Na4 Nxa4 16.Qxa4 Qd7 17.Qxd7 Bxd7 18.Rb1 Bc6 19.f3 a4 20.Kf2 Ra5 21.Bd2 Rc5 22.b3 axb3 23.axb3 Ra8 24.Bb4 Re5 25.Bc3 ½-½ Stefansson,V (2487)-Perez Candelario,M (2573) Leca da Palmeira 2nd Leba da Palmeira 2023 (6)]
[10...Be6 11.Qh4 Nh5 *(11...Nd7 12.Bg5 f6 13.Be3 g5 14.Qd4 f5 15.Qd2 f4 16.gxf4 gxf4 17.Bxf4 Nb6 18.Qe3 Qf6 19.Bg5 Qg6 20.Qg3 Nxc4 21.Nd5 Qf7 22.Bh6 c6 23.Bxg7 Qxg7 24.Qxg7+ Kxg7 25.Nc7 Kf6 26.Nxa8* 1-0 Benko,P-Fischer,R Buenos Aires Rd: 1960 *Rxa8 27.b3* 1-0 Benko,P-Panno,O Piatigorsky Cup-01 Los Angeles 1963 (5) *)* 12.Bg5 f6 13.Bd2 f5 14.Qxd8 Raxd8 15.b3 c6 16.Rfd1 Nf6 17.Rac1 d5 18.cxd5 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Bb4 Rfe8 21.Bxd5+ cxd5 22.Kf1 Rd7 23.Bc5 a6 24.Bd4 Bxd4 25.Rxd4 1-0 Banusz,T (2611)-Draskovic,L (2503) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (6.3)]

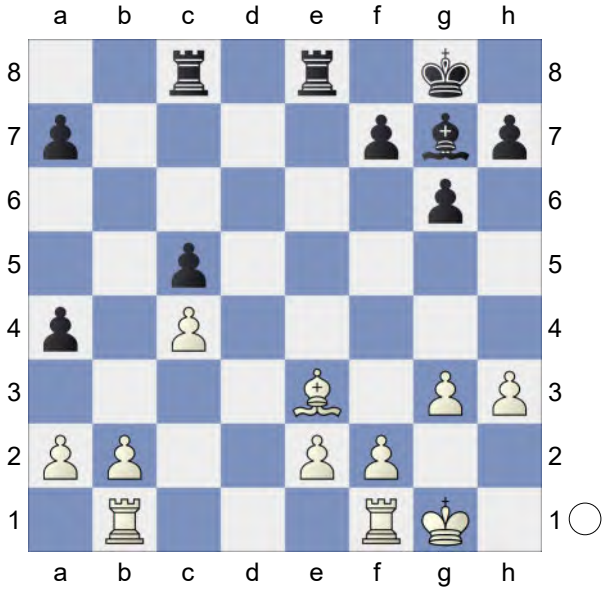


11.Qh4 Nd7 1.05/23
[Black should try 11...Re5± 0.41/19]
12.Qxd8± Rxd8 White is better. **13.Nb5** Deflection **13...c6 14.Nxd6 Nc5 15.Nxc8 Raxc8**

(Diagram)

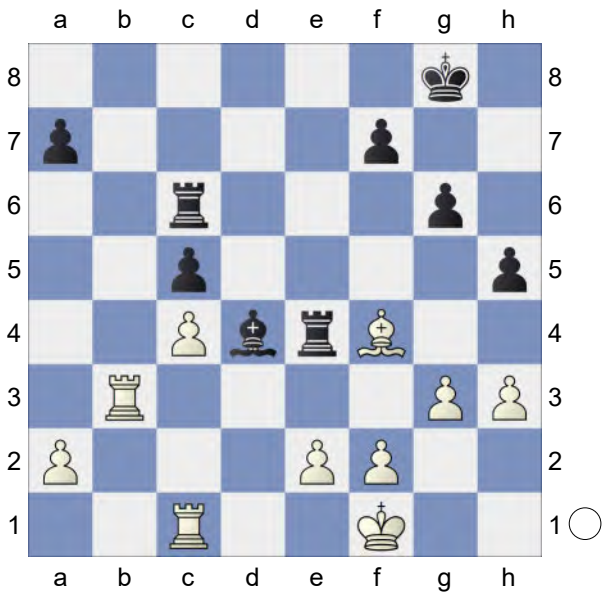


16.Rb1 Na4 1.41/21
[⌓16...Rd7 0.93/21]
17.Be4 Re8 18.Bc2 b5 19.Bxa4 bxa4 20.Be3 c5 1.81/23
[20...Re4± 1.38/23 is a better defense.]

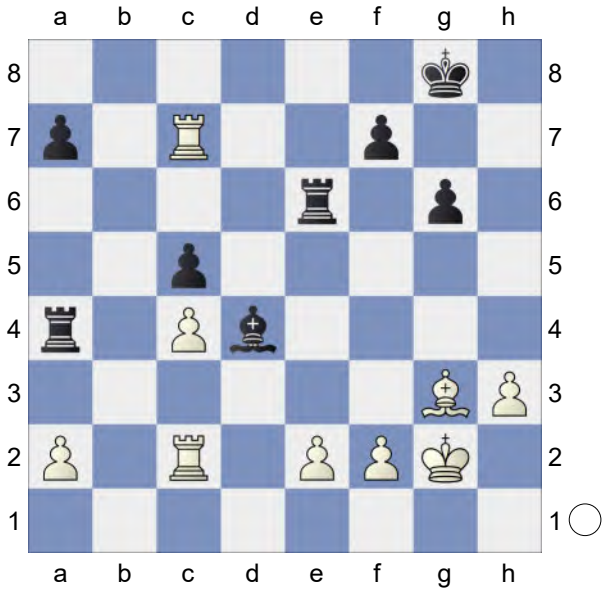


21.Rfc1+- Re4 22.Kf1 Bd4 23.Bf4 h5 24.b3 axb3 25.Rxb3
[25.axb3 h4 26.e3 hxg3]
25...Rc6

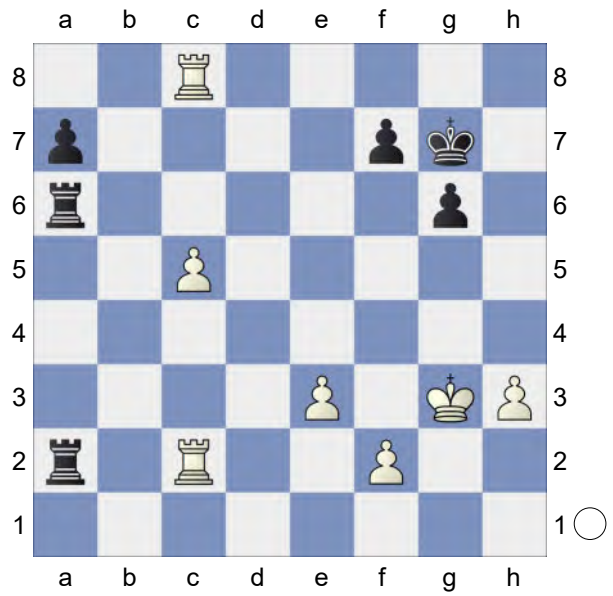
(Diagram)



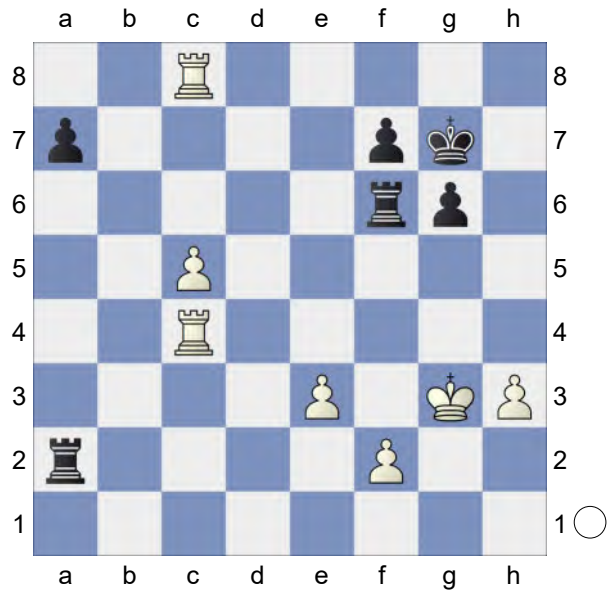
26.Rb7 Ra6 27.Rc2 h4 28.Rc7 1.28/25
[28.e3+- 1.92/23 hxg3 29.Bxg3]
28...hxg3± 29.Bxg3 Ree6 30.Kg2 Threatens to win with e3. **30...Ra4** 1.96/25
[30...Ra5± 1.32/25 keeps fighting. 31.Bf4 Kg7]



31.e3+- Deflection **31...Be5 32.Rxc5 Bxg3 33.Kxg3** Endgame. KRR-KRR
[33.fxg3 Rxe3 34.Rg5 Rea3=]
33...Rea6 34.Rc8+ Kg7 35.c5 Rxa2

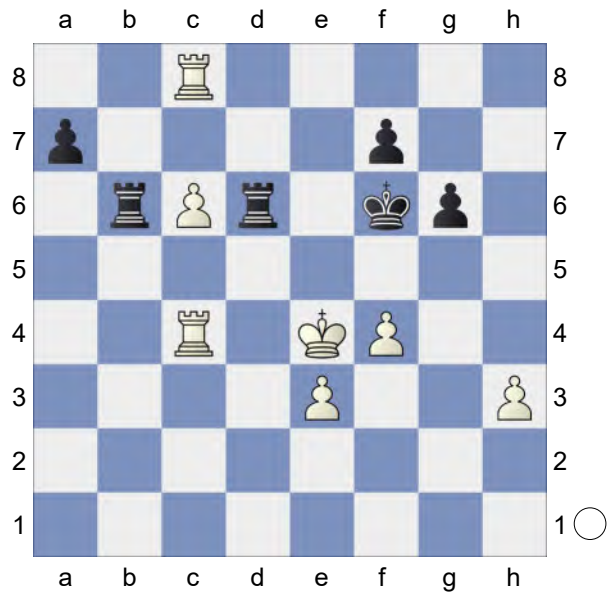


36.Rc4 Rf6 3.13/22
[⌓36...R2a4 1.76/24 37.Rc3 Kf6]

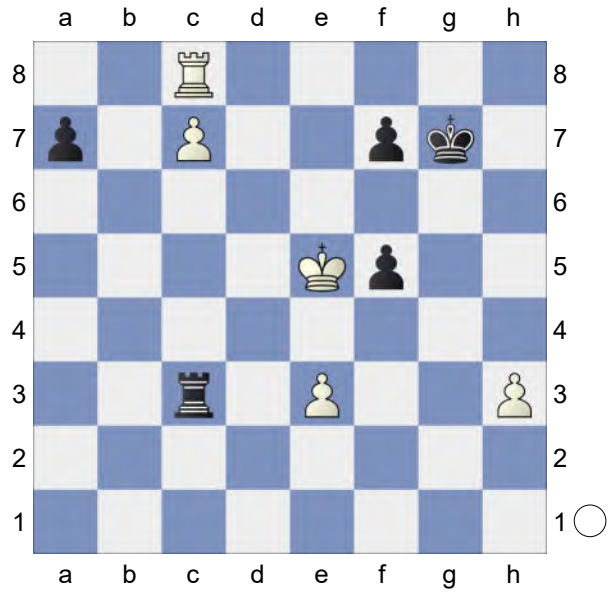


37.c6! Ra6? 5.08/23
[37...Raxf2 2.72/23 38.c7 R6f3+ 39.Kh4 Rg2 *(39...Rxe3? loses. 40.Rb8+-)* 40.Rg8+ Decoy, Clearance, Promotion Kxg8 41.c8Q+ *(41.c8R+? Kg7-+)* 41...Kh7]
38.f4 Rd6 39.Kf3 Rb6 40.Ke4 2.28/25
[⌓40.Kg4 4.25/22]
40...Kf6

(Diagram)

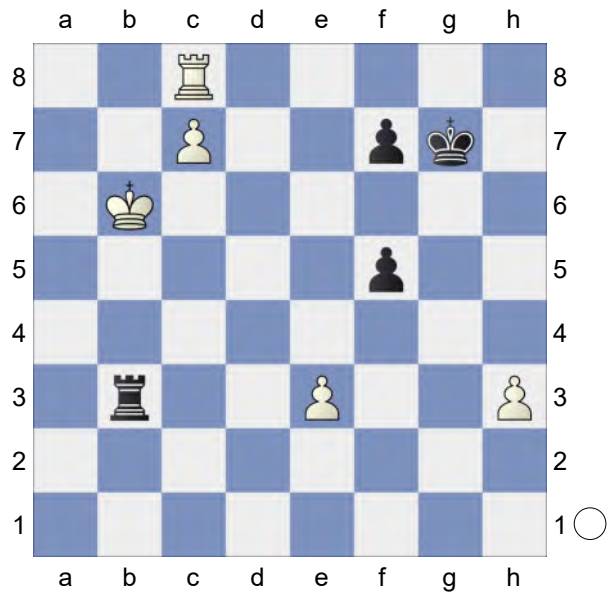


41.f5! gxf5+ 42.Kf4 Kg7 4.40/24
Prevents Rh8
[42...Ke7 1.93/25 was necessary. 43.h4 *(43.Kxf5 a5±)* 43...Rg6]
43.c7 Threatening mate with Re8!
[43.Kxf5 Rb5+ 44.Ke4 Rdd5]
43...Rdc6 44.Rxc6 Rxc6 KR-KR. White is clearly winning. **45.Ke5 Rc3**

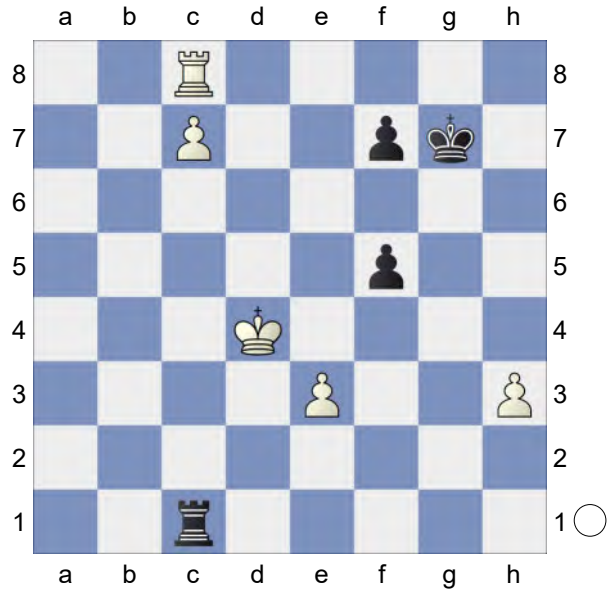


46.Kd6 Rd3+ 47.Kc6 Rc3+ 48.Kb7 Hoping for Rd8. **48...Rb3+ 49.Kxa7 Rc3 50.Kb6 Rb3+**

(Diagram)



51.Kc5 Rc3+ 52.Kd4 Rc1



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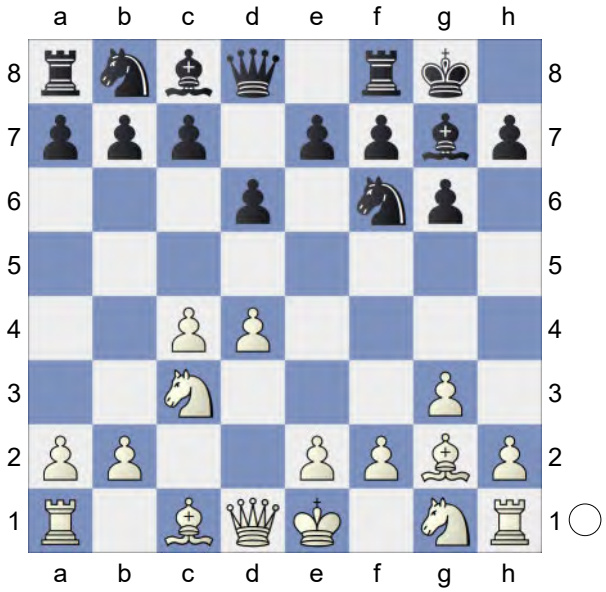
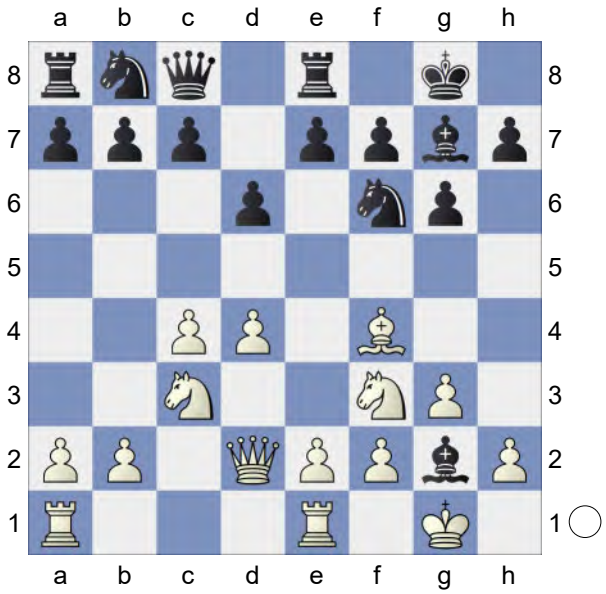
15 **E62**
□ **Khademalsharieh,Sarasadat** **2458**
■ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2515**
FIDE Women's Grand Prix - Monaco 202..
[Kitty Kat]

E62: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c6 and Panno Variation (6...Nc6) without ... a6 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 d6**

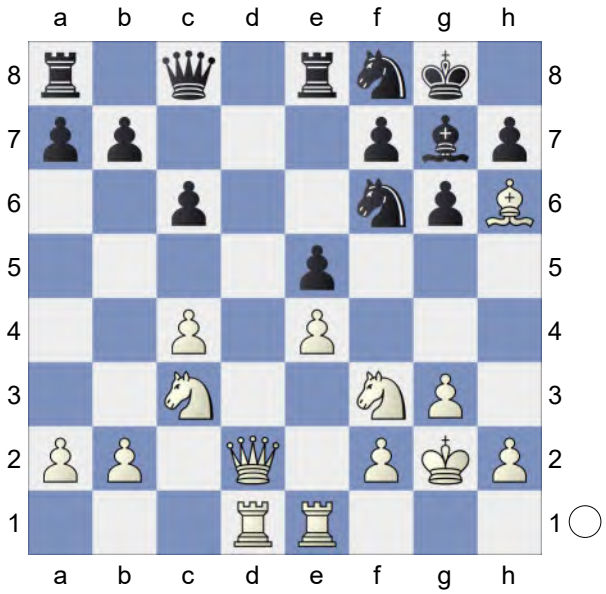


6.Nf3 Re8 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Bf4 Qc8 9.Qd2 White is more active. White is slightly better. **9...Bh3 10.Rfe1 Bxg2**

(Diagram)



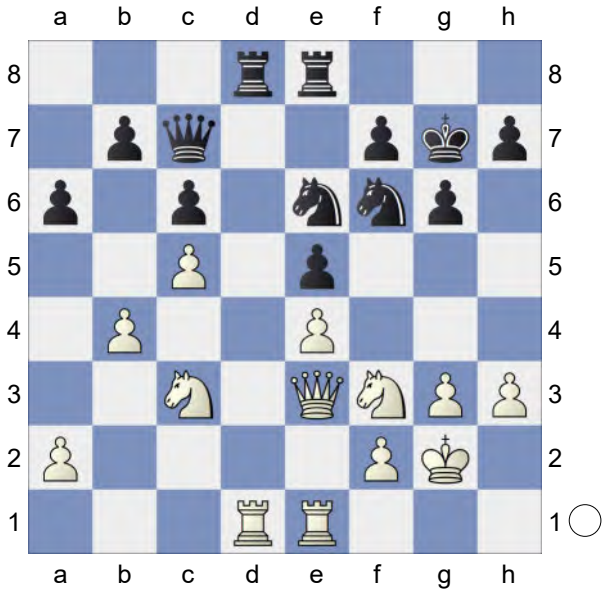
11.Kxg2 Nbd7 12.e4 e5 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Bh6 c6 15.Rad1N
[15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Rad1 a5 17.b3 Nc5 18.Qe3 b6 19.Rd6 h6 20.h3 Re6 21.Rd2 Ra7 22.Red1 Rd7 23.Rxd7 Nfxd7 24.Ne1 Qc7 25.Qd2 Nf6 26.f3 h5 27.h4 Qb7 28.Qe3 Nfd7 29.Nd3 Re7 0-1 Korchynskyi,M (2303) - Bogdanov,E (2476) Muensterland op 41st 2024 (8)]
15...Nf8



16.h3 Qc7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.b4 Rad8 19.Qe3 a6 0.52/22

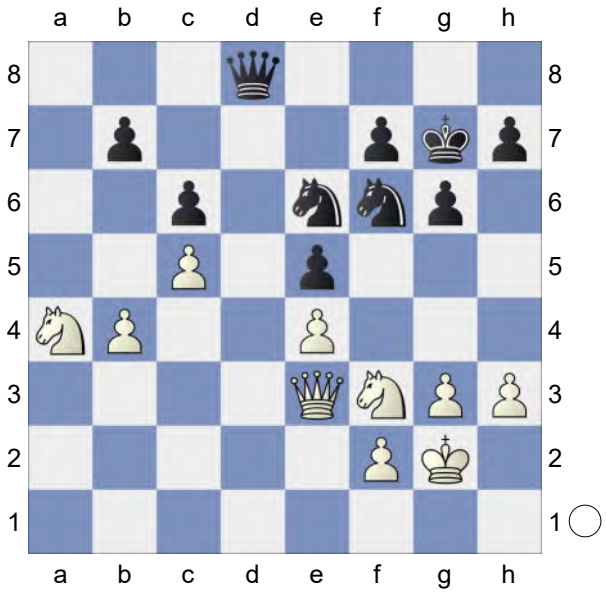
[19...b6= 0.07/20]

20.c5± Ne6



21.Na4 a5 22.a3 axb4 23.axb4 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 Rd8 25.Rxd8 Qxd8 0.92/26

[25...Nxd8± 0.43/25 26.Nb6 Ne8]



26.Nxe5± Qd1 27.Nb2 0.64/26

[27.Nb6± 1.03/26]

27...Qc2 28.Nbd3 h5

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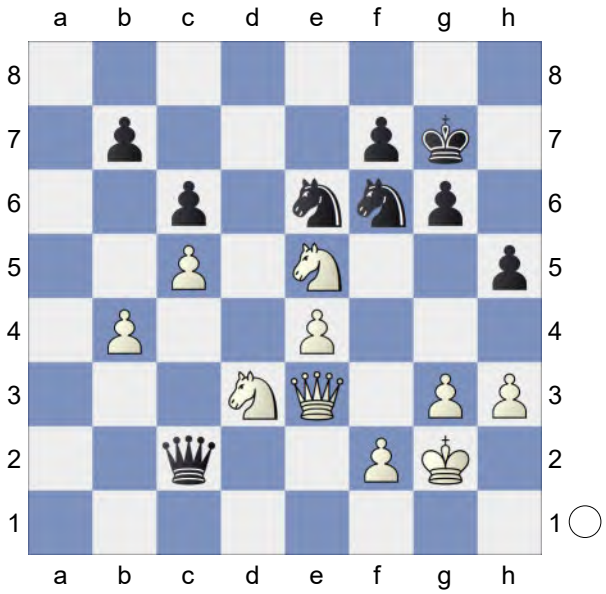
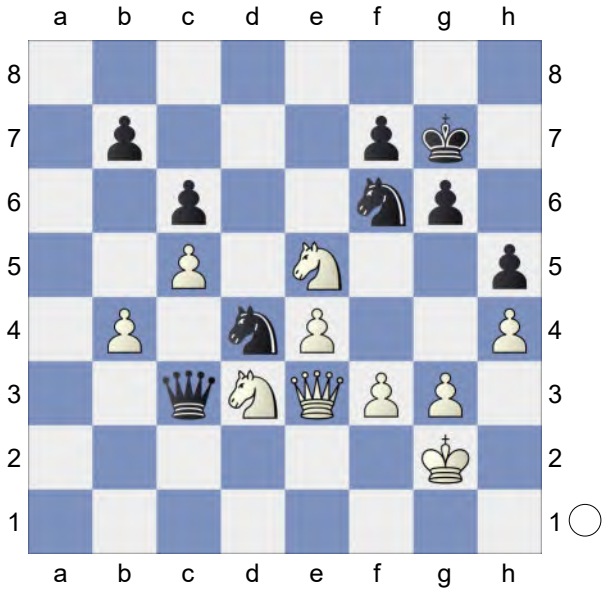


29.h4! Qc3 1.36/25

[29...Qa2!± 0.64/25]

30.f3 Nd4



31.Qe1↑ Black is under strong pressure.

31...Qb3 32.Qd2 Nc2 33.Kf2 0.95/23

[⌓33.Kh2 1.47/24]

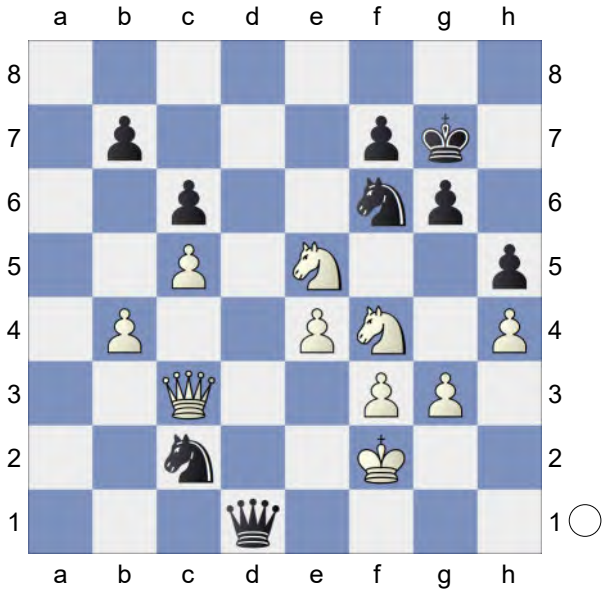
33...Qb1? 3.66/24 A mistake that costs the game.

[33...Kg8± 0.95/23]

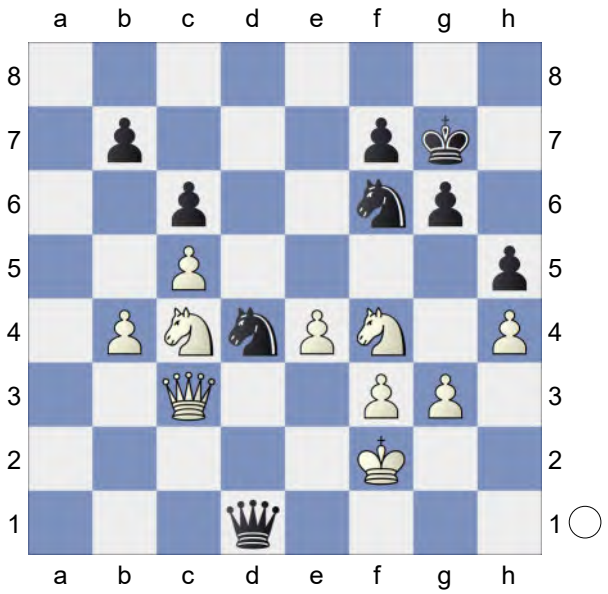
34.Qc3+- Hoping for Qc4. **34...Qh1 35.Nf4** 1.79/27

[35.Qxc2? perishes. Qh2+ 36.Kf1 Qxc2-+]

[⌓35.Nc4 3.75/24]
35...Qd1

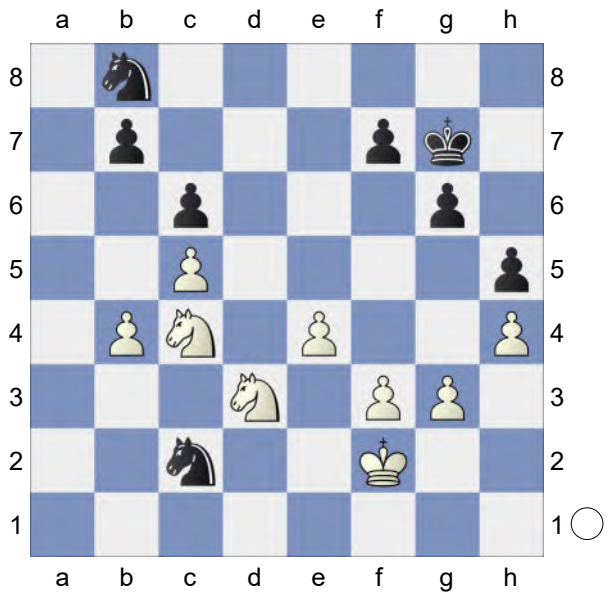


36.Nc4 Threatens to win with Nd3.
36...Nd4

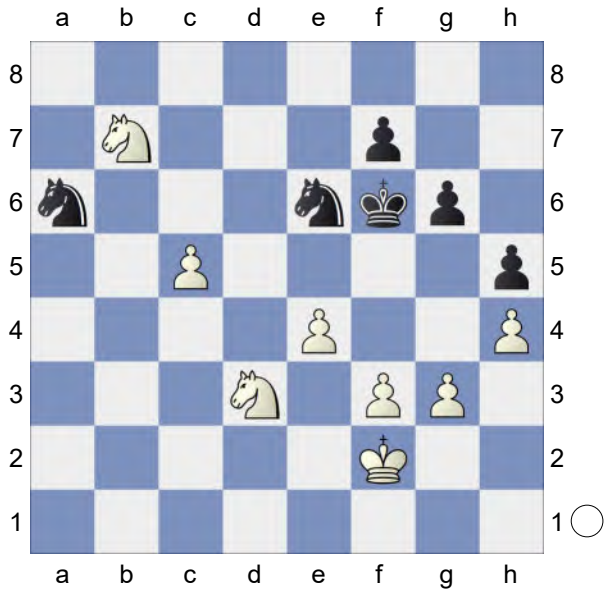


37.Nb2! Qc2+ 38.Qxc2 Nxc2 Endgame. KNN-KNN **39.Nfd3** Nc4 is the strong threat. **39...Nd7** 2.61/25
[⌓39...Na3 1.85/27 40.Ne5 Nc2]
40.Nc4 Black must now prevent Na5.
40...Nb8

(Diagram)

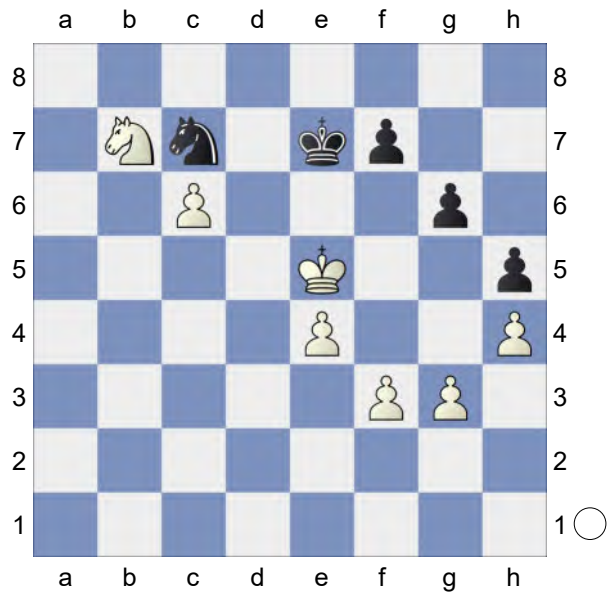


41.Nd6 Na6 3.61/27
[⌓41...Kf8 2.45/26 42.Nxb7 Na6]
42.b5
[42.Nxb7 Ncxb4 43.Nxb4 Nxb4±]
42...cxb5 43.Nxb5 Kf6 44.Nd6 Nd4 45.Nxb7 Ne6

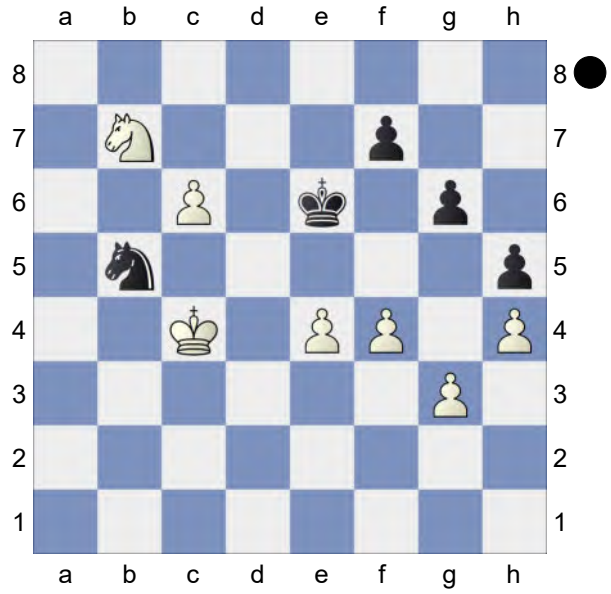


46.Ke3 White is clearly winning.
46...Ke7 47.c6 Nac7 48.Nf4 Nxf4 49.Kxf4 Nb5 50.Ke5 Wards off Nd4
50...Nc7

(Diagram)



51.Kd4 Ke6 52.f4 Nb5+ 53.Kc4



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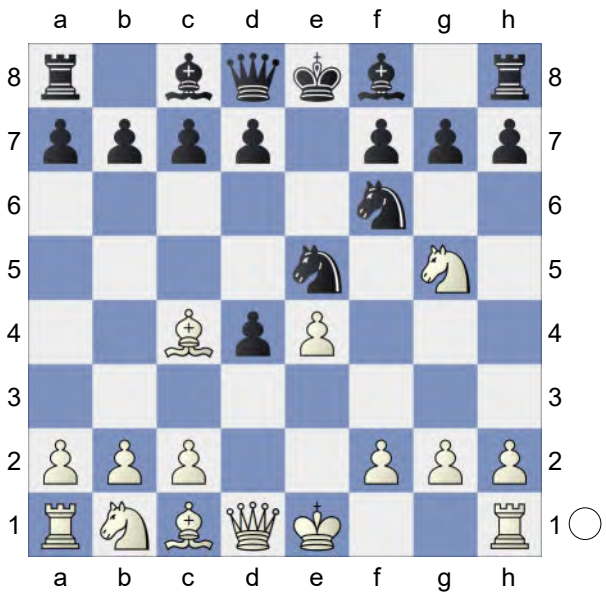
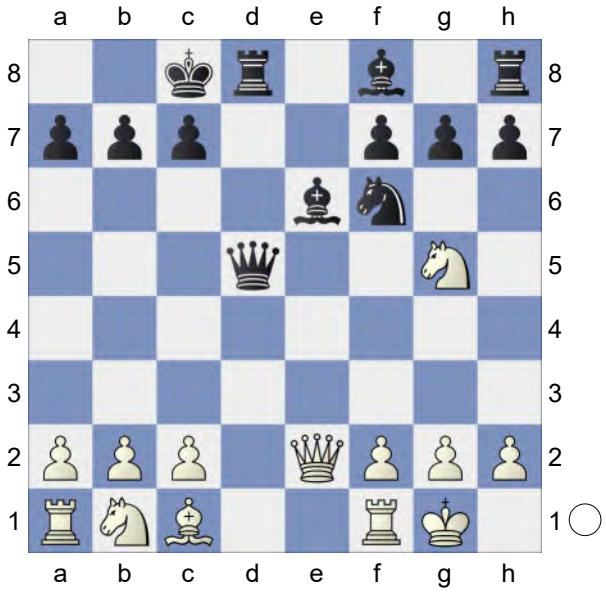
16 **C56**
□ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2515**
■ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2546**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
C56: Two Knights: 4 d4 exd4 5 0-0 Nxe4
1.e4 4 **e5** 15 **2.d4** 23 **exd4** 41 **3.Bc4** 10 **Nf6** 6:27 **4.Nf3** 33 **Nc6N** 3:01
[4...Nxe4 5.Qxd4 Nf6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Nc3 Nc6 *(7...0-0 8.0-0-0 Nc6 9.Qh4 d6 10.Bd3 h6 11.Bxh6 gxh6 12.Qxh6 Nb4 13.Ng5 Nxd3+ 14.Rxd3 Bf5 15.Rg3 Bg6 16.Ne6* 1-0 Neistadt-Aficionado Simultaneas.L. de Neistatd; pag.111 1950*)* 8.Qh4 d5 9.0-0-0 Be6 10.Rhe1 0-0 11.Bd3 h6 12.Bxh6 Ne4 13.Qf4 Bd6 14.Qe3 f5 15.Bg5 Qd7 16.Bb5 Qf7 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Nxe4 fxe4 19.Nd4 0-1 Enevoldsen,J-Comp Gandalf Jugoslavija 54/(612) 1992]
[4...b5 5.Bxb5 Bb7 6.e5 Ne4 7.Nbd2 Bb4 8.0-0 Nxd2 9.Bxd2 Bxd2 10.Qxd2 0-0 11.Nxd4 Qe7 12.Rfe1 f6 13.e6 Qc5 14.exd7 Qd5 15.Nf3 Qxd2 16.Nxd2 Nc6 17.Nb3 Ne5 18.f4 c6 19.fxe5 1-0 Andronov, M (2173)-Vinogradov,V (2193) Kostomuksha Gorfinkel Jubilee Rating 2008 (1.4)]
[4...Bb4+ 5.c3 dxc3 6.bxc3 d5 7.exd5 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bb3 c6 10.c4 Bg4 11.Re1 a5 12.h3 Bh5 13.Nc3 Bb4 14.Bd2 Nbd7 #5 7. Bishop's Opening 2. Bc4-3. d4]
5.Ng5 1:05 **Ne5** 15:27

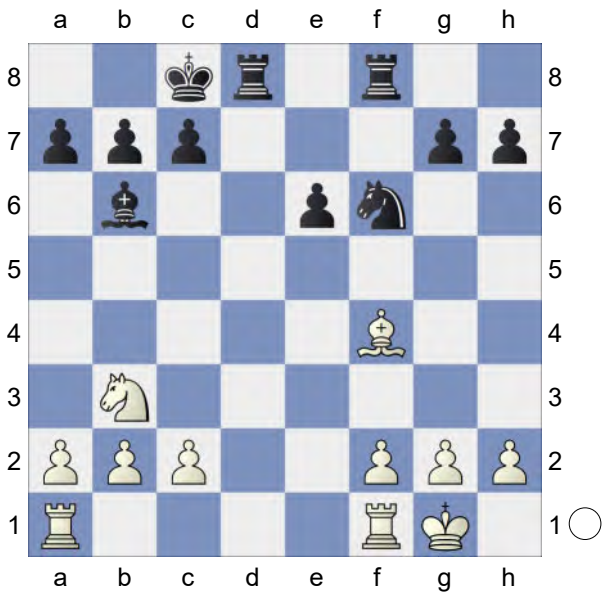
(Diagram)



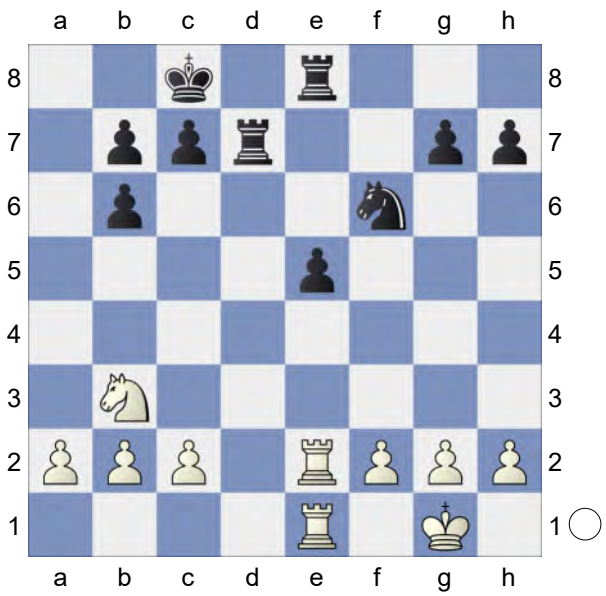
6.Qxd4 13 **Nxc4** 1:42 **7.Qxc4** 1:50 **d5** 2:21 **8.exd5** 21 **Qxd5** 5:24 **9.Qe2+** 25 **Be6** 1:01
[9...Be7 with more complications. 10.0-0 Bg4 11.f3 Bd7]
10.0-0 43
[10.Nxe6 simplifies Qxe6 11.Qxe6+ fxe6 12.Nc3]
10...0-0-0 3:23



11.Nxe6 43 **Qxe6** 1:35 **12.Qxe6+** 18 The position is equal. **12...fxe6** 2 **13.Nd2** 19 **Bc5** 1:40 **14.Nb3** 15:16 **Bb6** 1:06 **15.Bf4** 4:47 **Rhf8** 7:59

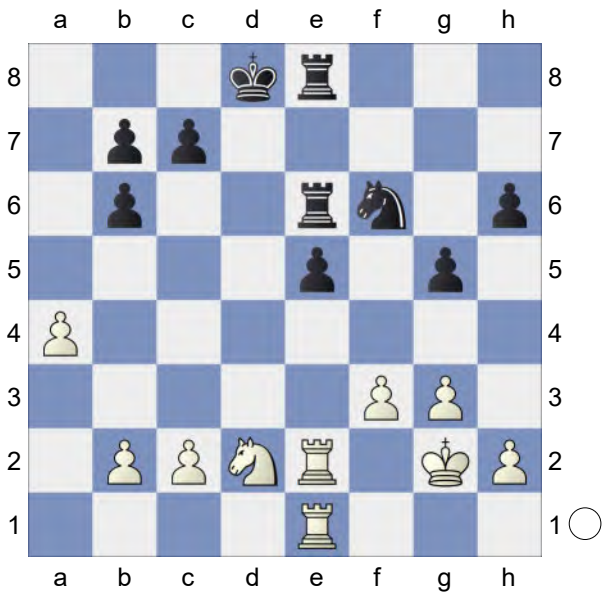


16.Rae1 5:49 Wards off Ne4 **16...Rde8** 3:02 **17.Be3** 13:15 **e5** 4:03 **18.Bxb6** 1:38 **axb6** 11 **19.Re2** 20 **Rf7** 5:48 **20.Rfe1** 42 **Rd7** 1:11

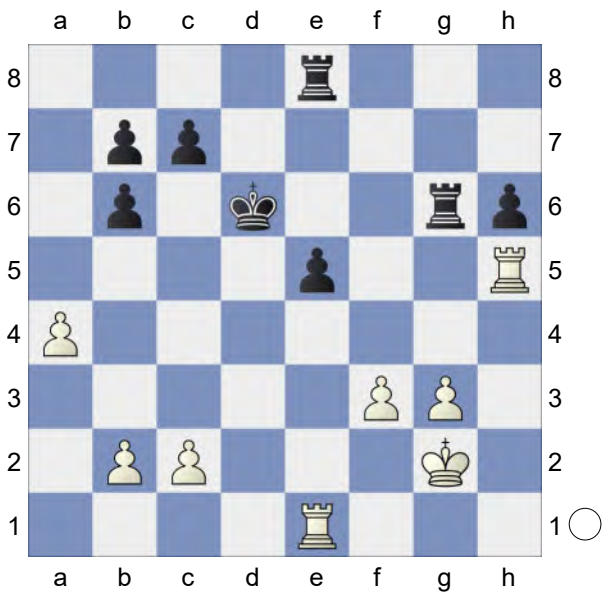


21.f3 4:32 **Rde7** 2:02 **22.a4** 4:12 **Kd8** 2:33 **23.Nd2** 1:08 **h6** 6:57 **24.g3** 7:46 **g5** 2:08 **25.Kg2** 1:16 **Re6** 1:35

(Diagram)

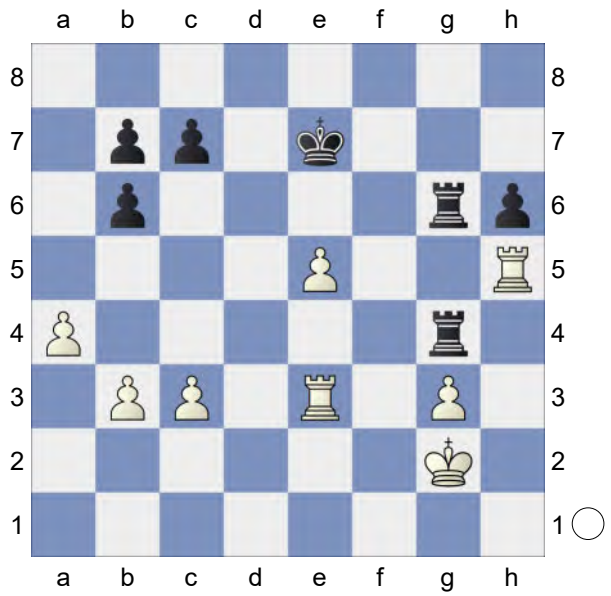


26.Ne4 4:51 **Nxe4** 3:41 **27.Rxe4±** 12 Endgame. KRR-KRR **27...Kd7** 42 **28.h4** 2:12 **gxh4** 3:58 **29.Rxh4** 13 **Rg6** 58 **30.Rh5** 3:51 **Kd6** 2:19

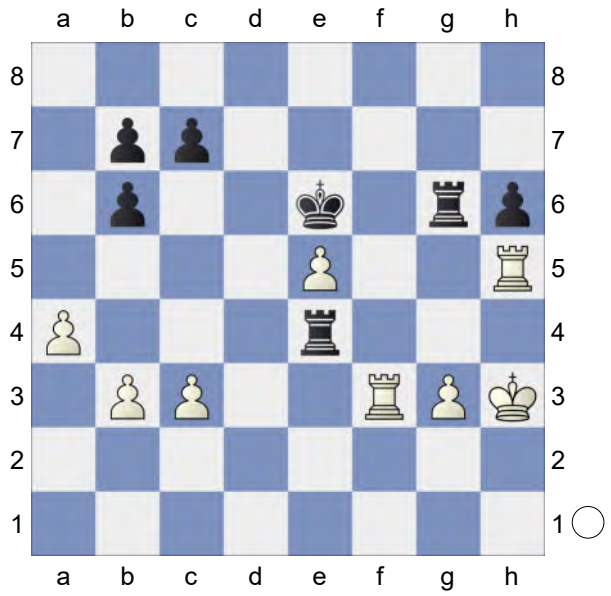


31.f4 3:57 **Reg8** 2:54 **32.fxe5+** 1:01 **Ke7** 3:52 **33.Re3** 34 **Rc6** 51 **34.c3** 1:40 **Rg4** 1:10 **35.b3** 2:27 **Rcg6** 20

(Diagram)



36.Kh3 11:41 **Ke6** 1:19 **37.Rf3** 1:37 **Re4** 2:16



38.Rf6+! 41 Decoy **38...Rxf6** 7 **39.exf6** 4 **Kxf6** 37 **40.Rxh6+±** 0 KR-KR **40...Kg7** 0

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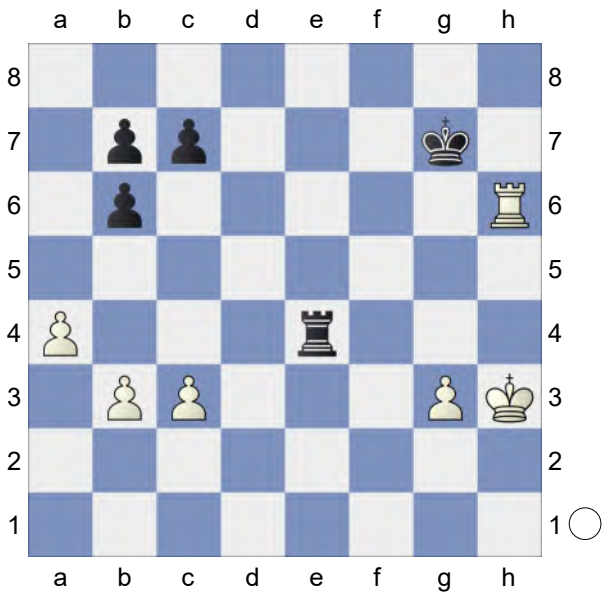
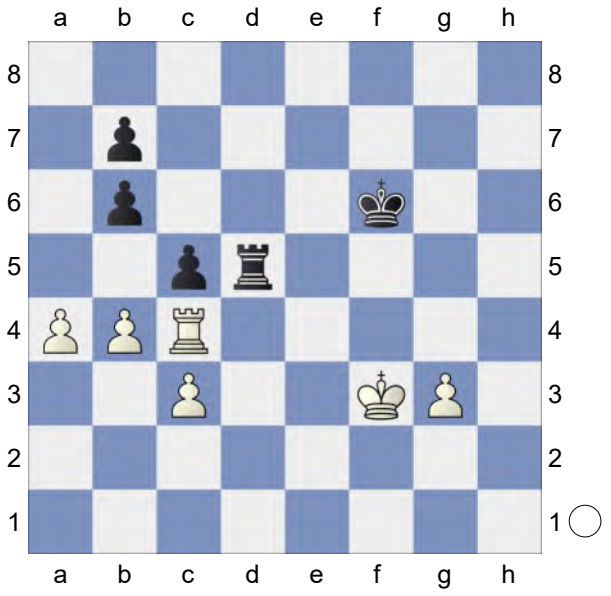


41.Rh4 40 **Re3** 8:19 **42.Rc4** 2:30 **c5** 1.59/26 3:00

[⌓42...Re7 1.15/27 43.Kg4 Kf6]

43.Kg4 2:06 **Kf6** 7:26 **44.b4** 10:13 **Re5** 9:20 **45.Kf3** 4:42 **Rd5** 4:43



46.Rf4+ 3:45 **Kg6?** 2.92/27 16 Black cannot hold the game after this.

[46...Ke5± 1.21/23]

47.Ke4+- 2:13 **Rg5** 1:28 **48.g4** 44 **b5?** 4.27/28 1:15

[48...Kh7 2.46/25 might work better. 49.Rf7+ Kg8 50.Rxb7 cxb4]

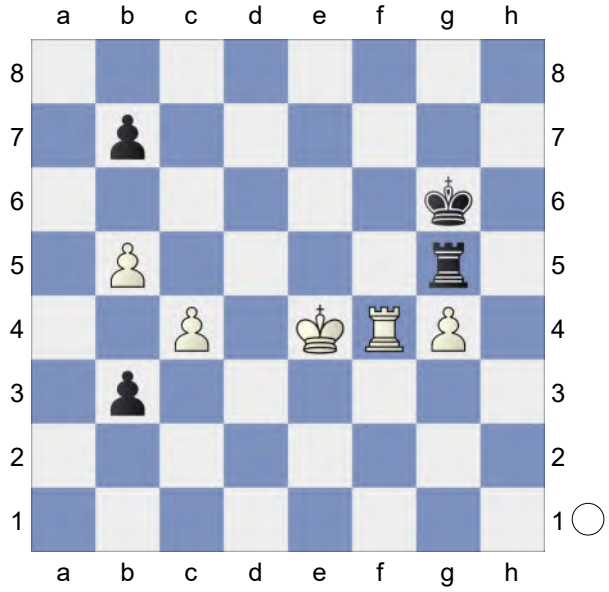
49.axb5 5:41 White is clearly winning.

[Don't take 49.a5 cxb4 50.cxb4 Kg7]

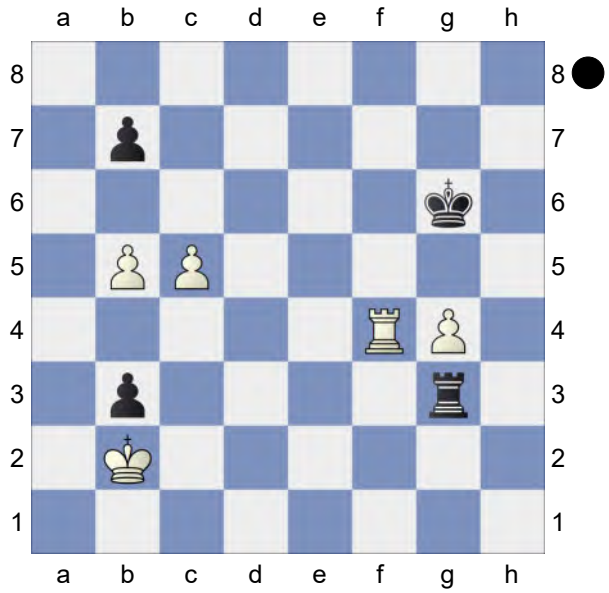
49...cxb4 28 **50.c4** 5

[Weaker is 50.cxb4 Rxb5 51.Kd3 Kg5±]

50...b3 1:50



51.Kd3 9 **Re5** 18 **52.Kc3** 41 **Re3+** 6 **53.Kb2** 3 **Rg3** 1:17 **54.c5** 1:05



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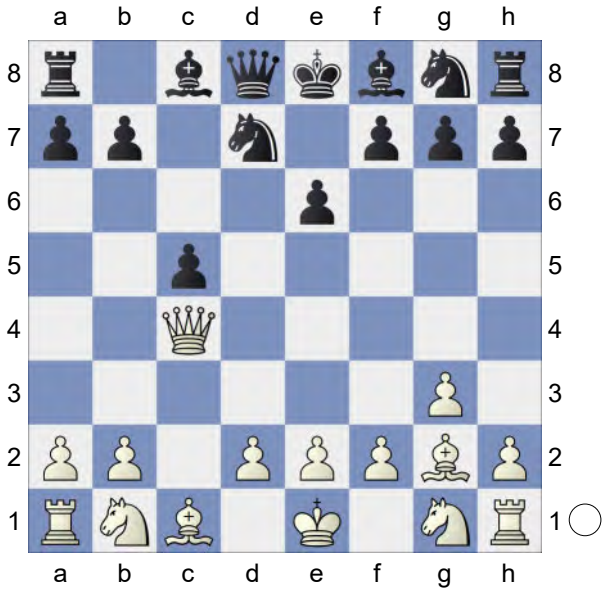
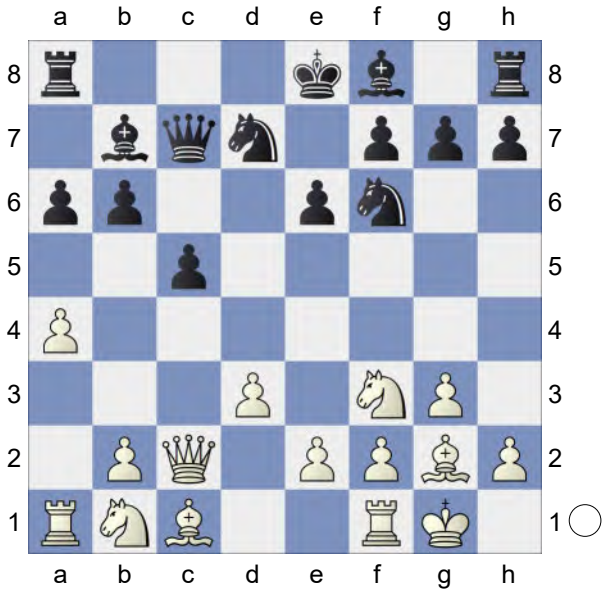
17 **A13**
□ **Assaubayeva,Bibisara** **2492**
■ **Khademalsharieh,Sarasadat** **2458**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (1.2)
[Kitty Kat]

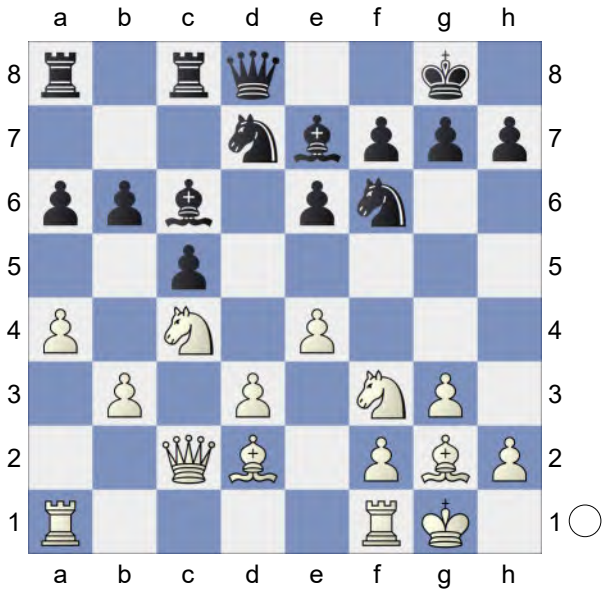
Blitz 1min
A13: English Opening: 1...e6 **1.c4** 4 **e6** 10 **2.g3** 11 **d5** 16 **3.Bg2** 6 **dxc4** 54 **4.Qa4+** 21 **Nd7** 21 **5.Qxc4** 12 **c5** 1:20



6.Nf3 1:09 **a6** 37 **7.Qc2** 4:02 **Ngf6** 7:03 **8.0-0** 6:50 **Qc7** 6:29
[8...b6 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.Rd1 Be7 11.d4 cxd4 12.Rxd4 Rc8 13.Qd1 Bc5 14.Rd3 b5 15.Bf4 Qb6 16.e3 0-0 17.a4 Bb4 18.axb5 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Nc5 20.bxa6 Bxa6 21.Rd6 Rc6 22.Rb1 Qc7 23.Ng5 1-0 Luehrig,W (2670)-Francke,R (2491) Leon (m/1-rapid) 100/199 2007 (9.3)]
9.a4N 4:35
[9.d4 b5 10.Bf4 Qb6 11.Ne5 Bb7 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.Bxb7 Qxb7 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Nc3 Nf6 16.Bg5 Be7 17.Rad1 Rc8 18.Qb1 0-0 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Ne4 Be7 21.Nd6 Bxd6 22.Rxd6 Rfd8 23.Rfd1 Rxd6 ½-½ Jacobsen,M (2322)-Nielsen,V (2346) Odense-A 2024 (2)]
9...b6 4:11 **10.d3** 2:27 **Bb7** 1:12



11.Na3 4:37 **Be7** 4:25 **12.e4** 8:32 **0-0** 3:15 **13.Bd2** 3:18 **Rfc8** 11:43 **14.Nc4** 4:58 **Qd8** 0.40/18 1:20
[14...b5= 0.00/19 is more appropriate. 15.Na5 Nb8]
15.b3± 8:03 **Bc6** 8:53



16.Rad1 5:41 **Ra7** 3:18 **17.Bc3** 5:04 **b5** 2:25 **18.Nce5** 7:41 **Nxe5** 1:25 **19.Nxe5** 9 **Be8** 27 **20.f4** 3:26 **Nd7** 7:00

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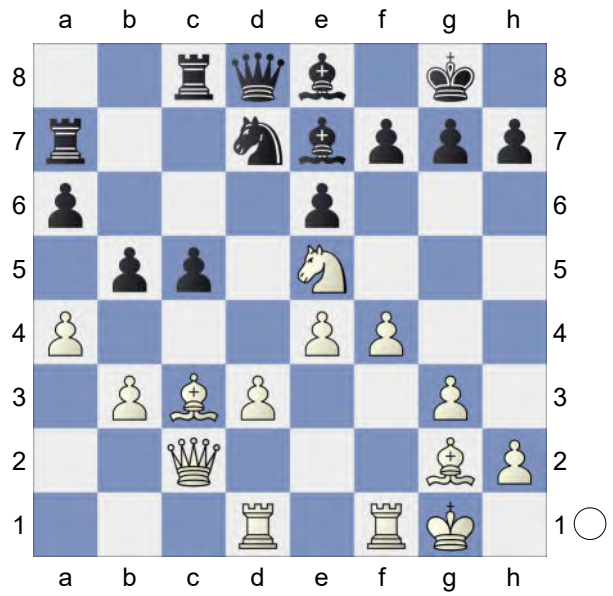
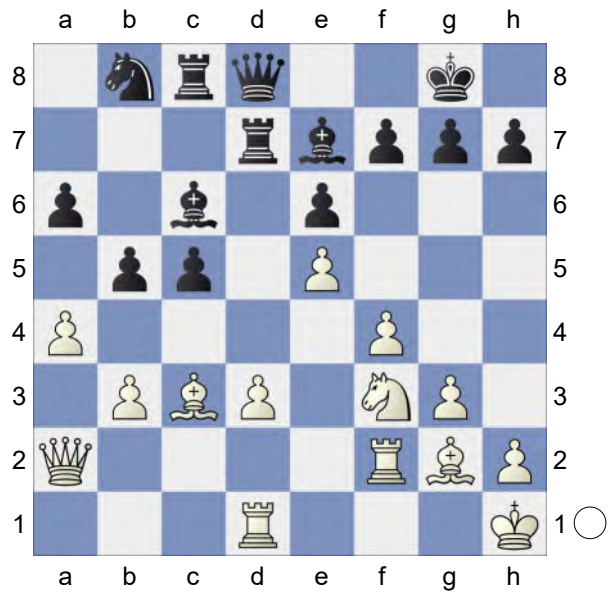
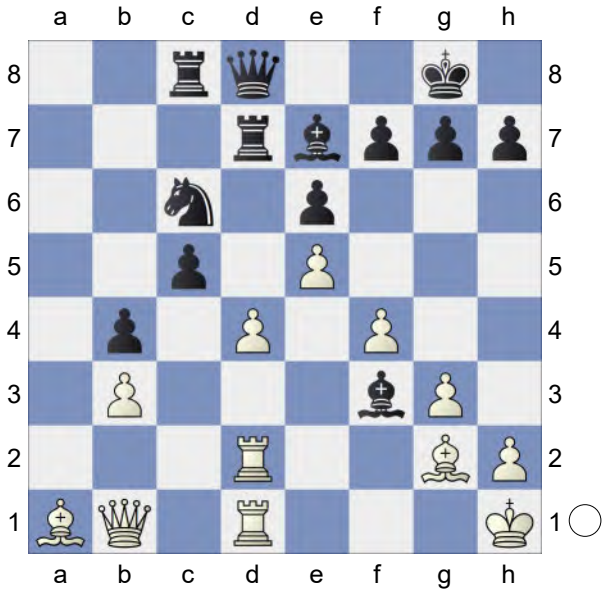


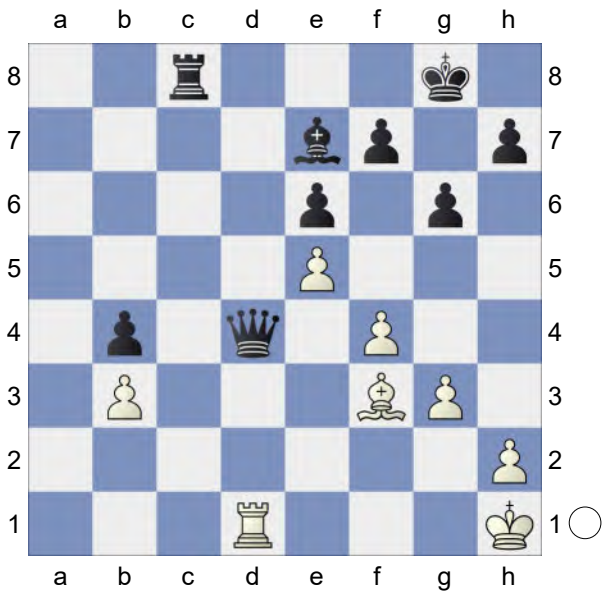
21.Nf3 2:42 **Bf6** 3:06 **22.e5** 4:47 **Be7** 6
[22...b4 with more complications. 23.exf6 bxc3 24.fxg7 Qf6]
23.Qa2 12:53 **Nb8** 11:39 **24.Kh1** 3:42 **Bc6** 4:30 **25.Rf2** -0.86/20 4:42
[25.axb5= -0.12/19 keeps the balance. Bxb5 26.Rf2]
25...Rd7∓ 23



26.Rfd2 13 **Bd5** 38 **27.Qb1** 55 **Nc6** 2:12 **28.axb5** 21 **axb5** 6 aiming for ... b4. **29.d4** 2:06 **b4** 7:19 **30.Ba1** 15 **Bxf3** -0.74/22 5:00
[⌓30...c4 -1.11/17 Threatens to win with ...c3. 31.bxc4 Bxc4]



31.Bxf3 1 **Nxd4** 7 **32.Qe4** 45 **g6** 1:05 **33.Bxd4** 30 **cxd4** 4 **34.Rxd4** 10 **Rxd4** 4 **35.Qxd4** -0.95/21 31
[Better is 35.Rxd4∓ -0.43/25 Qa5 36.Rc4 Rxc4 37.Qxc4]
35...Qxd4 5



36.Rxd4∓ 4 KRB-KRB **36...Rc3** 26 **37.Bd1** 7 **Kf8!** 20 **38.Kg2** 9 **h5** 40 **39.Rd2** 1:20 The position is equal. **39...Bc5** 26 **40.Rd8+** 0 **Ke7** 0
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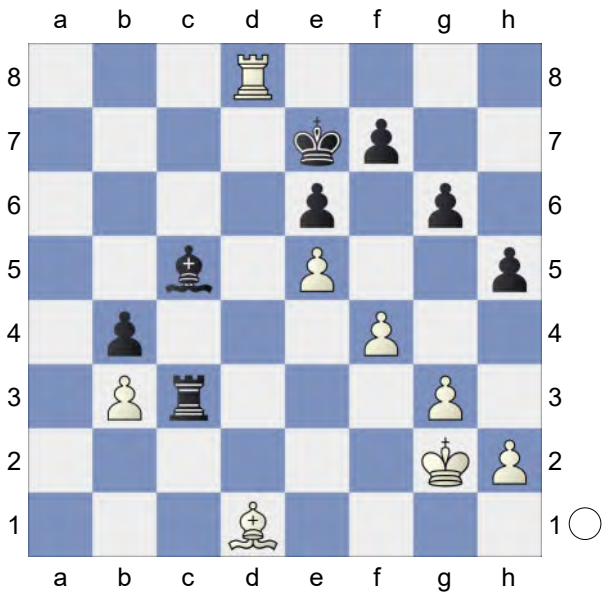
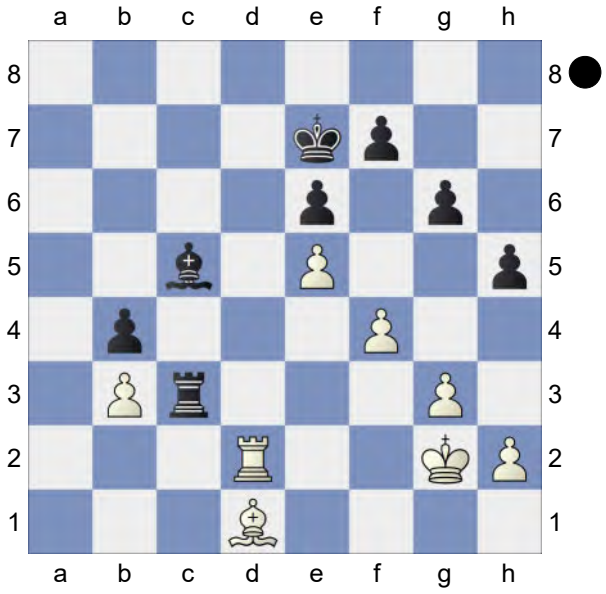


41.Rd2 -0.50/20 2:35
[41.Rb8= -0.01/23]



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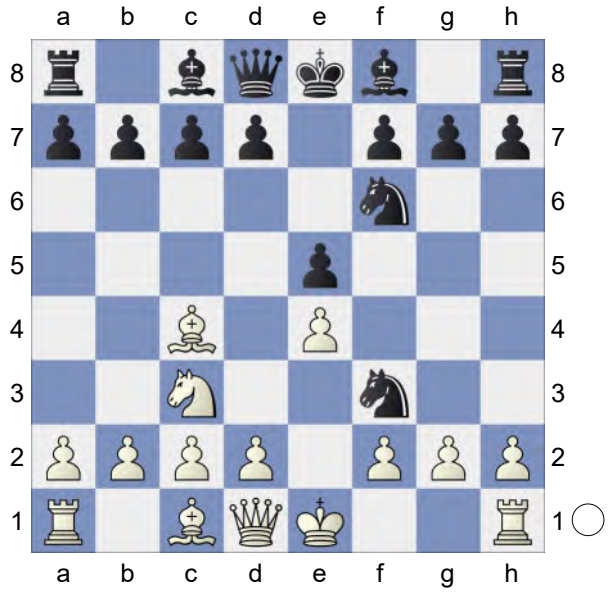
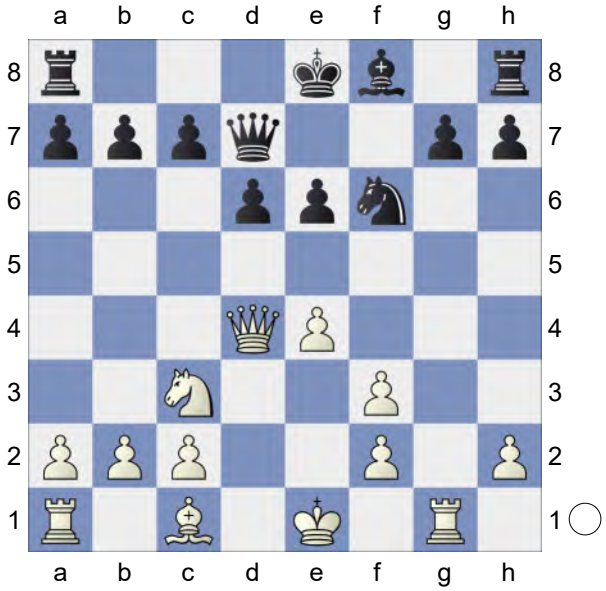
18 **C48**
□ **Dronavalli,Harika** **2489**
■ **Koneru,Humpy** **2523**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (1.3)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
C48: Four Knights: 4 Bb5, replies other than 4...Bb4 **1.e4** 10 **e5** 20 **2.Nf3** 12 **Nc6** 21 **3.Nc3** 16 **Nf6** 25 **4.Bb5** 22 **Nd4** 1:10 **5.Bc4** 47 **Nxf3+** 8:00



6.gxf3 2:32
[6.Qxf3 d6 7.h3 Be7 8.d3 Be6 9.Be3 a6 10.g4 0-0 11.g5 Ne8 12.g6 Bxc4 13.gxh7+ Kh8 14.dxc4 b5 15.0-0-0 bxc4 16.Qe2 Bg5 17.h4 Bxe3+ 18.fxe3 c6 19.Qxc4 Qb6 20.Qe2 Rb8 1-0 Ding,Y (2422)-Wang,Y (2255) CHN-chT DivA Fuling 2023 (4.3)]
6...d6 0.42/20 1:13
[6...Bc5= 0.01/20 is superior. 7.Rg1 Nh5 8.d4 Bxd4 9.Ne2 d5 10.Bxd5 c6 11.Nxd4 cxd5 12.Rg5 exd4 13.Rxd5 Qb6 14.Rxh5 Be6 15.b3 0-0 16.Bb2 g6 17.Bxd4 Qc7 18.Bf6 ½-½ Bacrot,E (2725)-Dominguez Perez,L (2723) Thessaloniki FIDE GP 2013 (7)]
7.d4± 5:50 **Be6** 4:38 **8.Bxe6N** 26:19
White is slightly better.
[8.d5 Bd7 9.f4 exf4 10.Bxf4 g6 11.Qd2 Bg7 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Rde1 Re8 14.Bg5 b5 15.Bxb5 Bxb5 16.Nxb5 Rxe4 17.Rxe4 Nxe4 18.Bxd8 Nxd2 19.Bxc7 Bh6 20.Nxd6 Ne4+ 21.Kb1 Nxf2 22.Rf1 Ng4 1-0 Najer,E (2641)-Mamedyarov,S (2674) FIDE World Cup Khanty Mansiysk 2005 (2.4) 23.Nxf7 Bg7 24.Nd8 Ne3 25.Re1 Rxd8 26.Bxd8 Nxd5 27.c4 Nb4 28.Re8+ Kf7 29.Re7+ Kf8 30.Rxa7 Nc6 31.Ra8 Kf7 32.Rc8 1-0 Oskooei,M (2641)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2674) 002 Linz 2014 (2.4)]
8...fxe6 9 **9.Rg1** 5 **exd4** 4:14 **10.Qxd4** 5 **Qd7** 4:25



11.Be3 9:41 **e5** 13:00 **12.Qc4** 53 **c6** 6:01 **13.0-0-0** 1:37 **Qf7** 6:54 **14.Qxf7+** 4:04 **Kxf7** 4 **15.f4** 23 **exf4** 5:23

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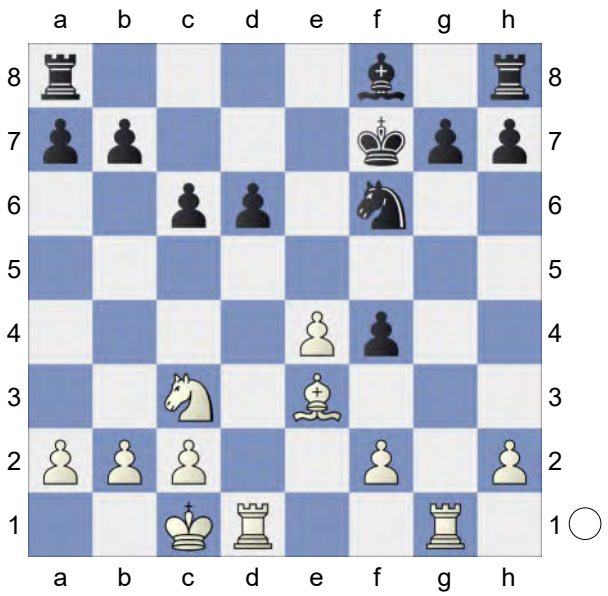
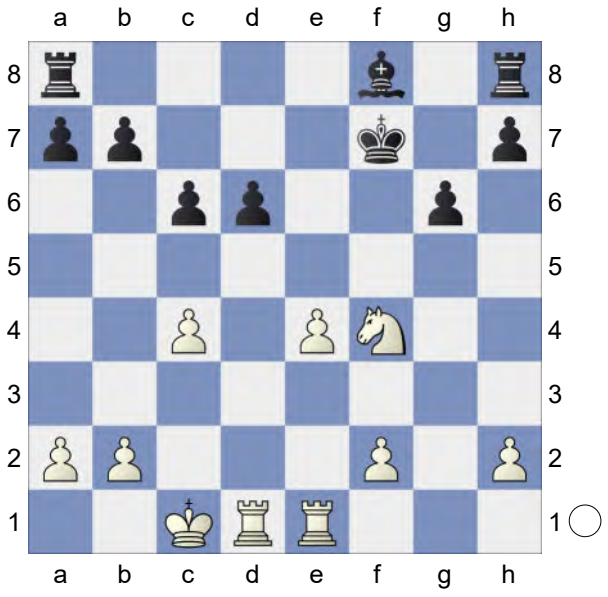


16.Bxf4 20 **Ke6** 33 **17.Rge1** 7:40 **Nh5** 3:38 **18.Ne2** -0.02/22 17
[18.Be3± 0.58/20]
18...g6 0.44/21 5:15
[18...Nxf4= -0.02/22 19.Nxf4+ Kd7]
19.c4 0.01/21 5:37
[19.Be3± 0.44/21]
19...Nxf4= 13:02 **20.Nxf4+** 6 **Kf7** 38



And now ...Bh6 would win. **21.Kc2** 9:13 **Bh6** 1:56 **22.Nd3** 1:34 **Rhe8** 2:54 **23.e5** 2:18 **Bf8** 6:44 **24.f4** 4:42 **Rad8** 35 **25.Re3** 2:48 **Bg7** 3:51

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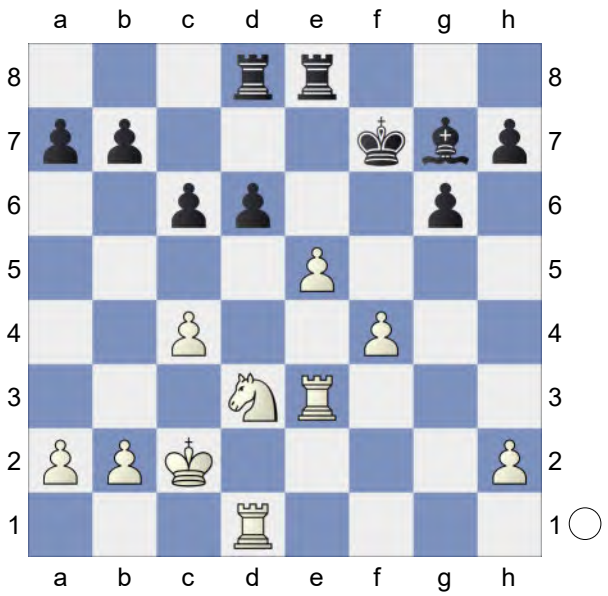
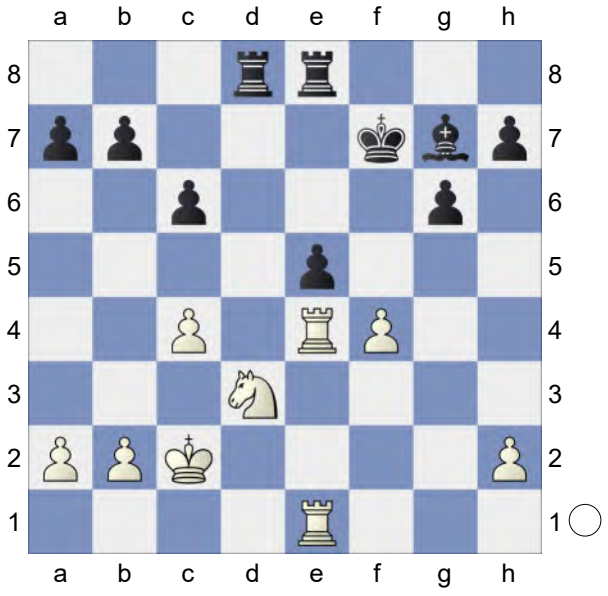


26.Rf1 1:53 **Kg8** 47 **27.Rfe1** 3:14 **Kf7** 2:14 **28.Rf1** 2:39 **Kg8** 23 **29.Rfe1** 33 **Kf7** 36 **30.Re4** 2:11 **dxe5** 4:44



31.fxe5 18 **Ke7** 50 **32.Rh4** 1:29 **Rh8** 3:05 **33.Nc5** 3:03 **b6** 0 **34.Nd3** 4 **a5** 0 Wards off Nb4 **35.b4** 1:09 **axb4** 0

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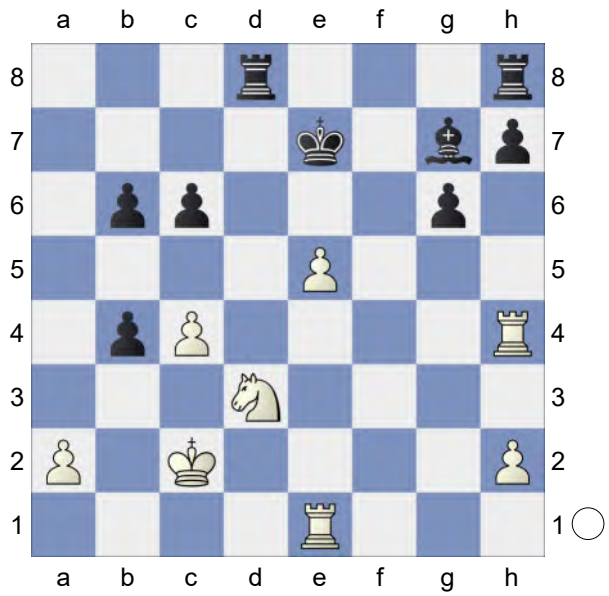
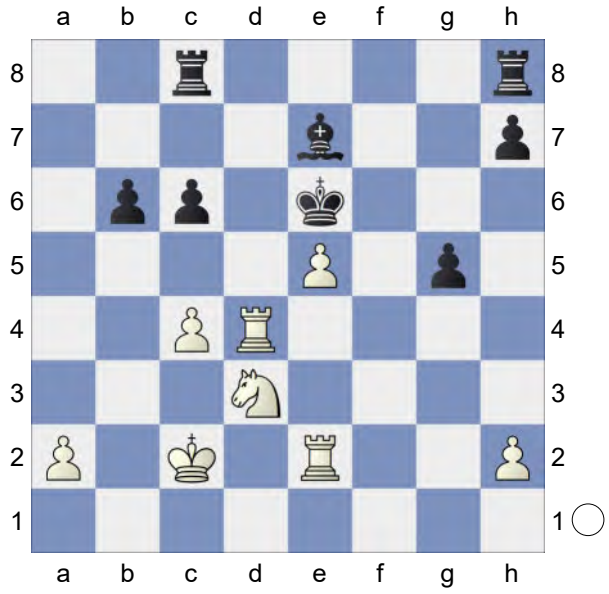
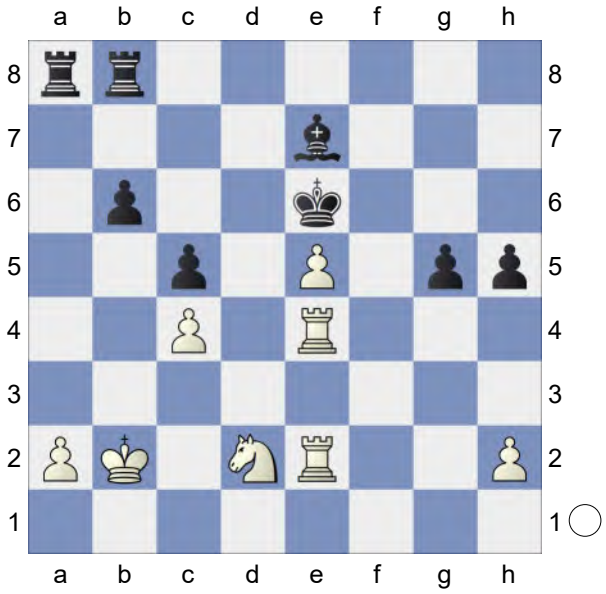


36.Nxb4 4 **Rc8** 0 **37.Re3** -0.01/20 32
[37.a4!± 0.52/20]
37...Ke6 0 **38.Rd4** -0.40/23 1:00
[38.c5= -0.01/21]
38...Bf8!∓ 0
[38...Bxe5? 39.Rde4+-]
39.Nd3 18 **g5** 41 **40.Re2** -0.90/24 0
[40.c5= -0.15/21 remains equal.]
40...Be7 0

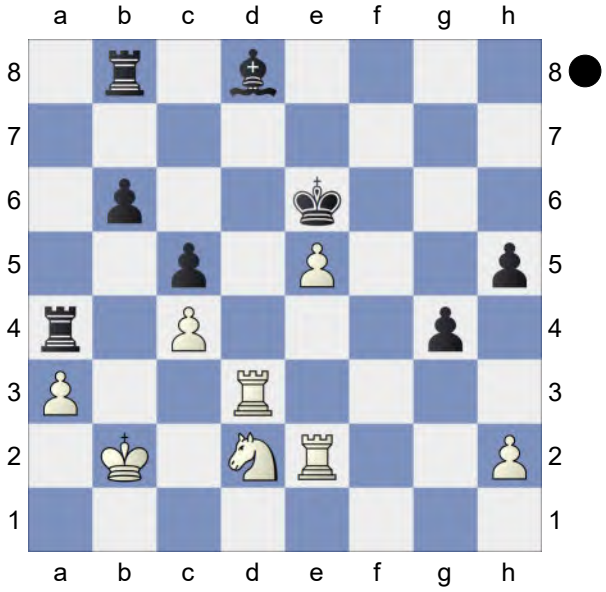


41.Nc1 -1.56/22 15:14
[White should play 41.c5 -0.93/22]
41...Ra8∓ 3:56 **42.Rde4** -1.86/23 6:43
[42.Rd3∓ -1.50/22]

42...Rhf8 3:42 **43.Kb2** 3:15 **h5** 9:15
44.Nb3 34 **c5** 1:35 Prevents Nd4+.
45.Nd2 20 Inhibits Rf3. **45...Rfb8** 7:06



Black is more active. **46.R4e3** 1:43 **Ra4** 4:21 **47.Rb3** 1:59 **g4** 15 **48.a3!** 26
Wards off Rb4 **48...Bd8** 42 **49.Rd3** 4:53



Bc7! 2 Against Rd6+ **50.Kb3** 5 **Rba8** 40

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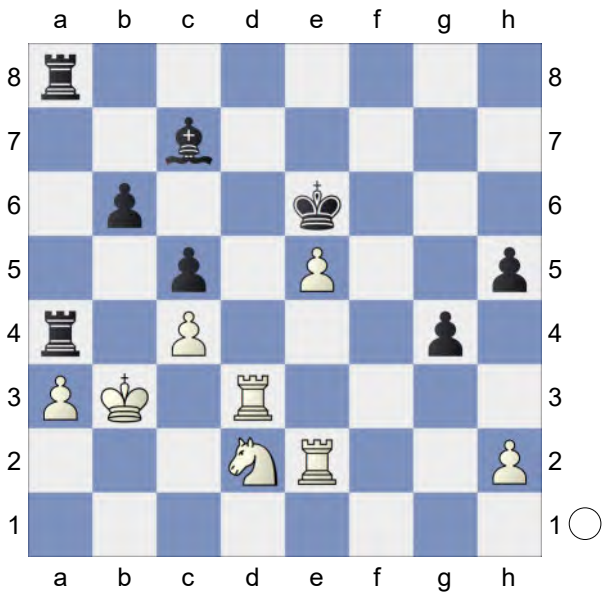
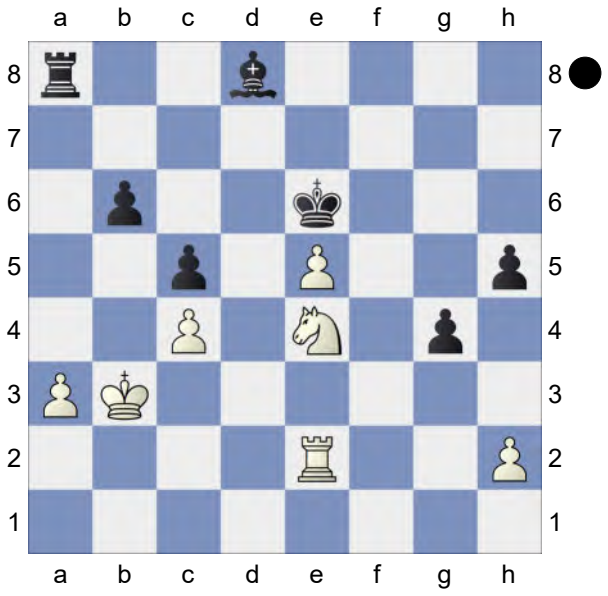


51.Ka2 8 **Rd8** 2:30
[51...Bxe5? 52.Rde3+-]
52.Rxd8 -1.35/23 58
[⌓52.Rde3 -0.79/23]
52...Bxd8 1 Endgame. KRB-KRN
53.Kb3 3 **Ra8** 22 **54.Ne4** 8



Bc7! 29 **55.Ng5+** -1.85/24 27
[55.Nf2∓ -1.42/23]
55...Ke7 -0.84/23 1:23
[55...Kf5-+ -1.85/24 56.Nf7 h4
(56...Re8 57.Ka4-+)]

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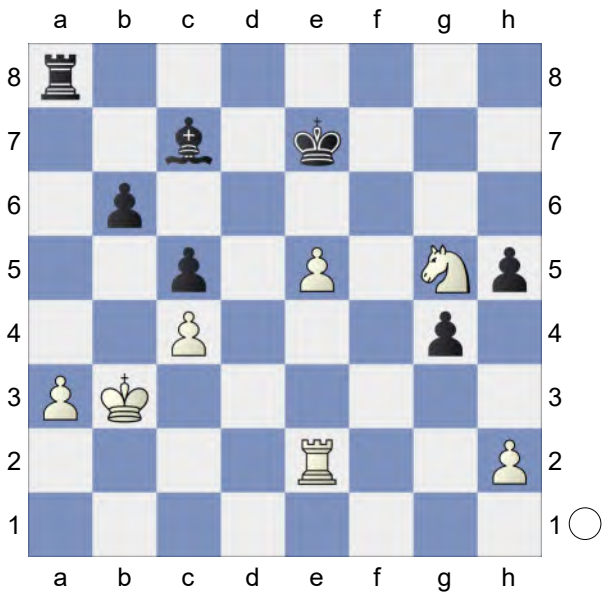

56.Ne4 1:27 **Ke6** 0.01/20 49
[56...Rh8∓ -0.47/23 was preferrable.]
57.Nf6? -1.88/24 1:27 This costs White the game.
[57.Ng5+!= 0.01/20 and White has nothing to worry. Kf5 58.Nf7]
57...Rh8-+ 20
[Less strong is 57...Bxe5 58.Nxh5 Rf8 59.Ka4=]
58.Nd5 2:13 **Bxe5** 3 **59.a4** -2.84/23 46
[⌓59.Ka4 -1.77/22]
59...h4 2:29 **60.Nxb6?** -5.93/25 13
[60.Ne3 -2.88/23 is tougher. Rg8 61.a5 bxa5 62.Ka4]
60...h3 1:02

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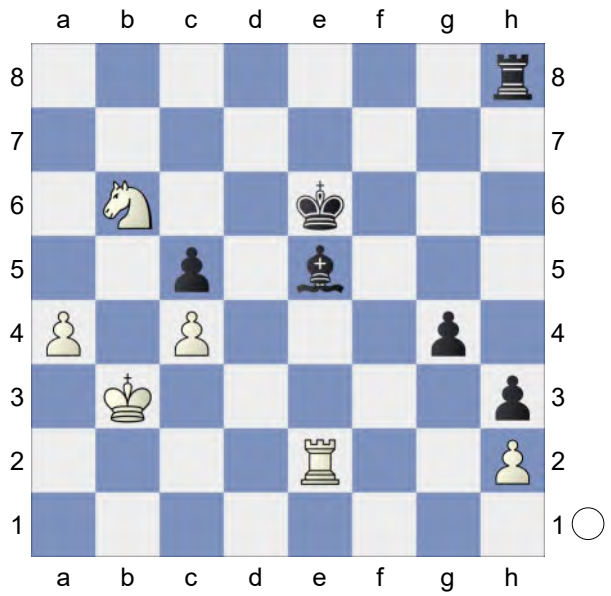
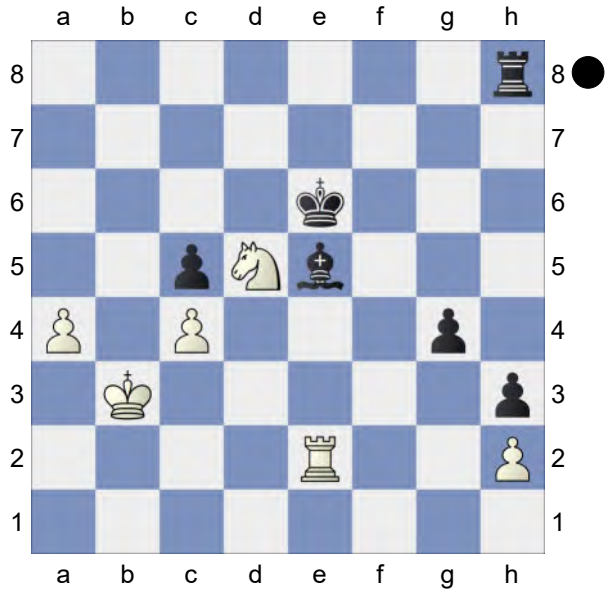


61.Nd5 1:07



g3! 14 **62.Nf4+** 6
[62.hxg3 h2]
62...Kf5 17 **63.Nd3** 12 **Bd4** 39
Strongly threatening ...g2.
[And not 63...gxh2 64.Rxe5+ *(64.Nxe5?* perishes. *h1Q-+)* 64...Kg4 65.Re1=]
64.Ne1 4 **gxh2?** -3.68/15 53
[64...Re8 -13.21/22 65.Rxe8 gxh2]
65.Rxh2 6 **Kf4** 5

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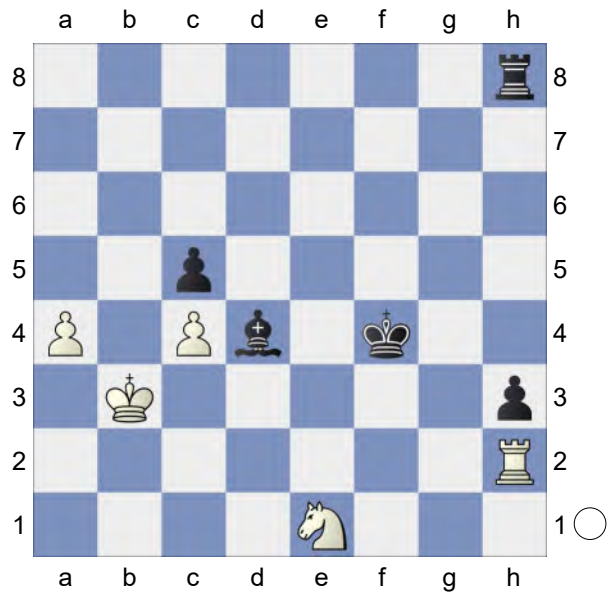
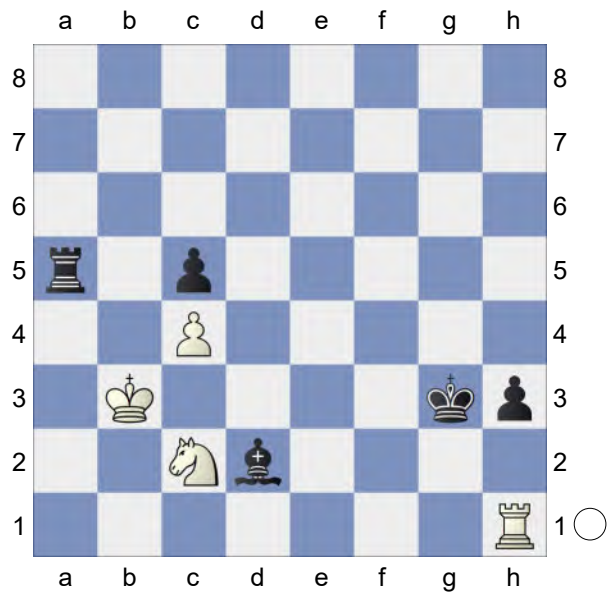


66.a5 25 **Kg3** 34 **67.Rh1** 6 **Ra8** 24
68.Ka4 39 **Bc3** 6 **69.Nc2?** -7.95/26 1:03
[69.Kb5 -3.83/25 Rxa5+ 70.Kb6]
69...Rxa5+ 29 **70.Kb3** 5 **Bd2** 13



71.Rd1 1:00

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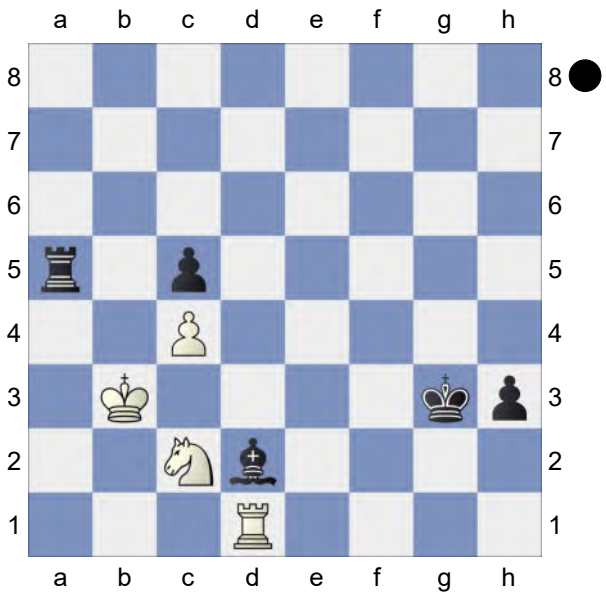
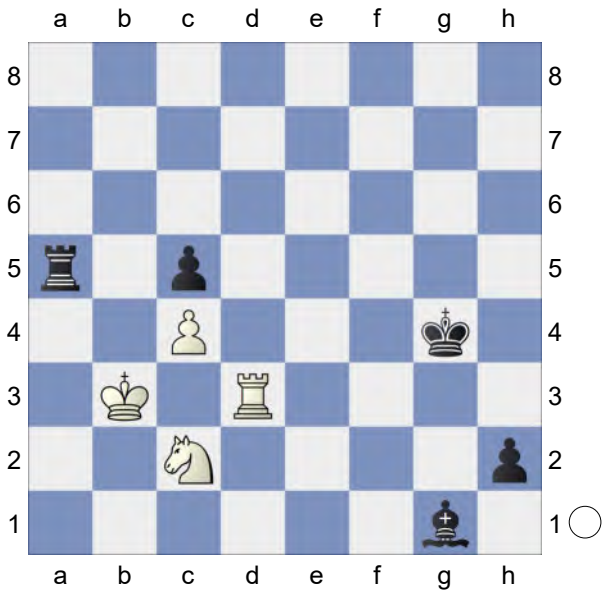


h2! 9 **72.Na3** 9
[72.Kb2 Ra6]
72...Be3 47 (→ ...Bg1) **73.Nc2** 37 **Bg1** 10 **74.Rd3+** 2 **Kg4** 8



Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
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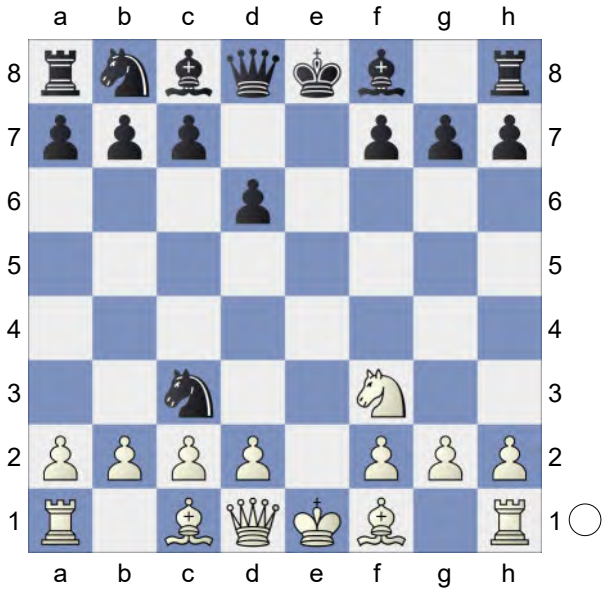
19 **C42**
□ **Paehtz,Elisabeth** **2427**
■ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2561**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (1.4)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
C42: Petroff Defence: 3 Nxe5 and unusual White 3rd moves **1.e4** 2 **e5** 7 **2.Nf3** 6 **Nf6** 8 **3.Nxe5** 28 **d6** 7 **4.Nf3** 6 **Nxe4** 7 **5.Nc3** 12 **Nxc3** 55



6.dxc3 4 **Be7** 1:13 **7.Be3** 7 **0-0** 2:53 **8.Qd2** 4 **Nd7** 5 **9.0-0-0** 27 **c6** 7 **10.Kb1** 4:44 **d5** 25

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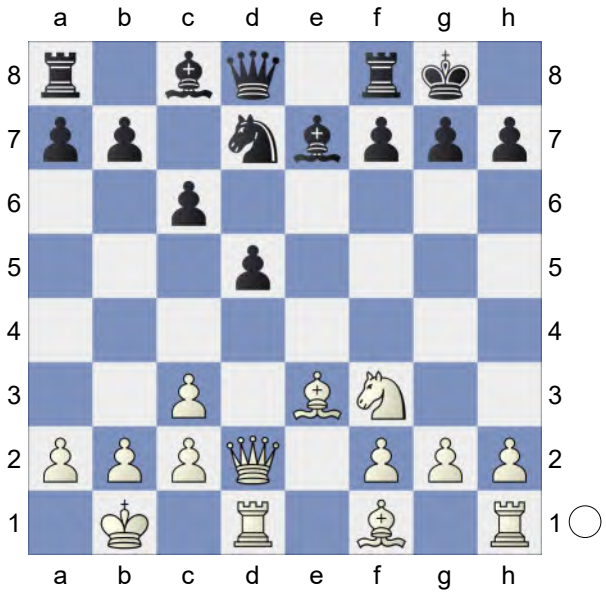
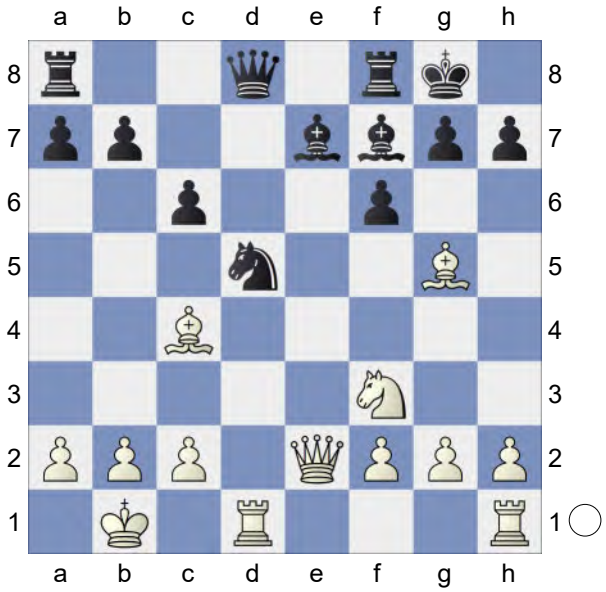


11.c4 3:24 **Nb6** 5:50 **12.cxd5** 20:56 **Nxd5** 1:48 **13.Bc4** 4 **Be6** 12:36 **14.Bg5** 16:01 **f6** 15:49 **15.Qe2** 14:07 **Bf7** 1:34



16.Bxd5 51 **cxd5** 1:16 **17.Be3** 10 **Qd7N** 2:06
[17...Re8]
18.Nd4 9 **Rfe8** 3:18 **19.h4** 3:20 **Bc5** 17:26 **20.h5** 6:26 **h6** 8:16

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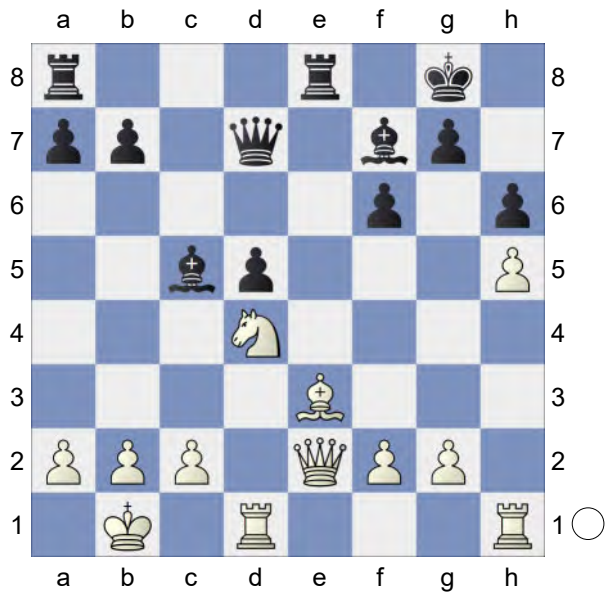
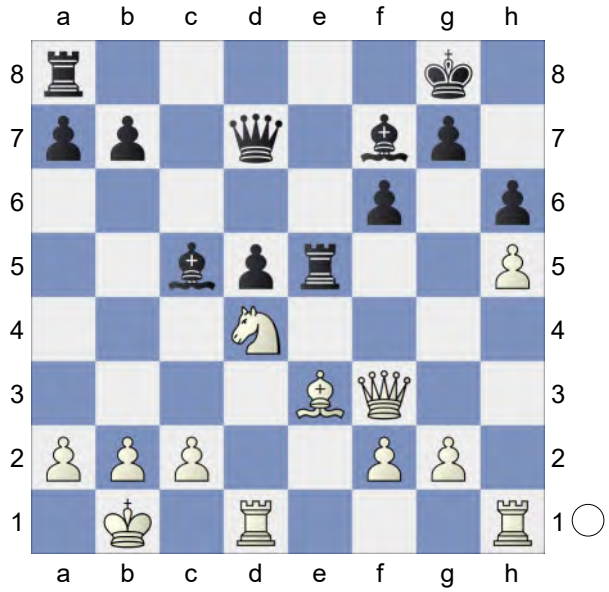


21.Qf3 1:27 **Re5** 6:02 **22.Bf4** 7:13 **Re7** 2:21 **23.Be3** 1:21 **Re5** 22 Against Nf5 **24.Bf4** 9 **Re7** 2:14 **25.Be3** 9 **Re5** 3:20



Prevents Nf5. An uneventful encounter.
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20 **C42**
□ **Munguntuul,Batkhuyag** **2331**
■ **Kosteniuk,Alexandra** **2484**
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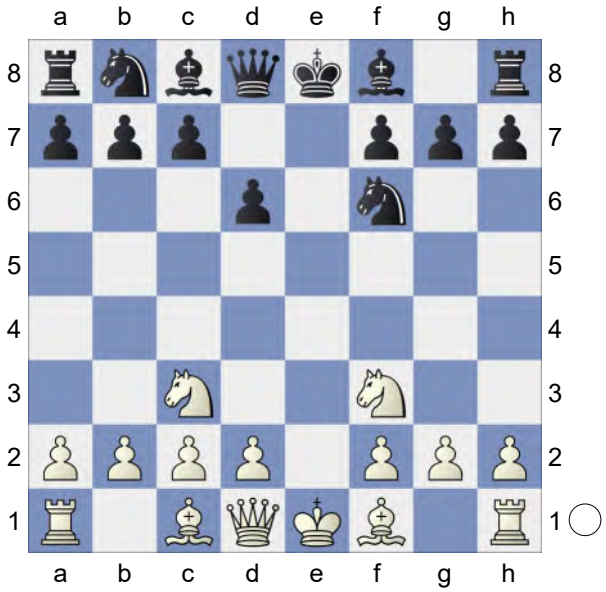
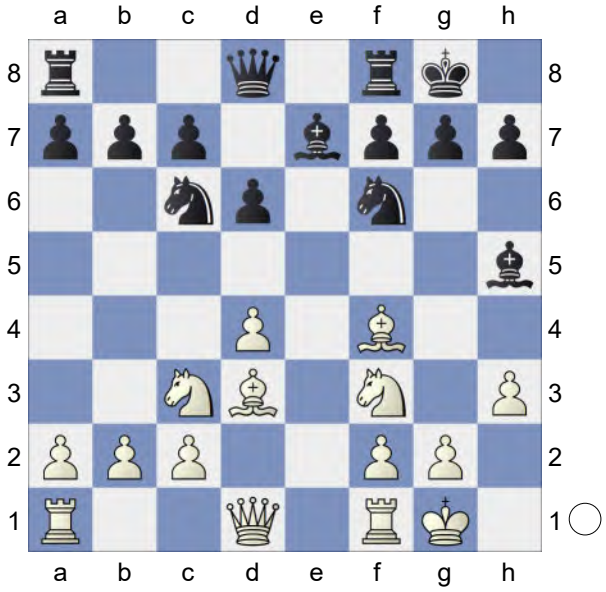
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
C42: Petroff Defence: 3 Nxe5 and unusual White 3rd moves **1.e4** 3 **e5** 5 **2.Nf3** 4 **Nf6** 6 **3.Nxe5** 2:05 **d6** 4 **4.Nf3** 7 **Nxe4** 5 **5.Nc3** 25 **Nf6** 11



6.d4 29 **Be7** 13 **7.Bd3** 4:14 **0-0** 27 **8.0-0** 22 **Bg4** 22
[8...Re8 9.Ne2 Nbd7 10.Ng3 Nf8 11.c4 d5 12.c5 Bg4 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Ne6 15.Be3 g6 16.Rae1 c6 17.b4 Nd7 18.Qd1 a6 19.Ne2 Bg5 20.Kh1 Bxe3 21.fxe3 f5 22.Ng1 Qh4 23.Nf3 1-0 Karjakin,S (2780)-Wang,H (2752) Tata Steel-A 75th Wijk aan Zee 2013 (3)]
[8...d5 9.h3 Re8 10.Re1 Nbd7 11.Bf4 10) Black: 1. e4 e5 Petroff-Petroff Nxe5 Opening Compass for Black and White 2023]
9.h3 2:48 **Bh5** 7 **10.Bf4N** 5:05 White is better.
[10.Re1 Re8 11.g4 Bg6 12.g5 Nh5 *(12...Nfd7 13.Bf1 c5 14.dxc5 dxc5 15.Nh4 Nc6 16.Nxg6 hxg6 17.Bg2* Grandelius,N (2645)-Tregubov,P (2543) 155/(108) France 2022*)* 13.Bf1 #2 3) Petroff Defense-Petroff Defense: 3...d6]
10...Nc6 9:21



11.Be2 0.13/19 7:39 White is more active.
[White should play 11.g4± 0.72/21]
11...Bg6 0.57/19 15:59
[11...d5= 0.13/19]
12.Nh4 0.17/19 13:36
[12.d5± 0.57/19 Nb8 13.Nh4]
12...Ne4 0.78/22 12:16
[12...d5= 0.17/19 remains equal.]
13.Nxg6± 1:55 **fxg6** 7 **14.Nd5** 58 **Bh4** 3:04 **15.Be3** 6:31 **Kh8** 9:31

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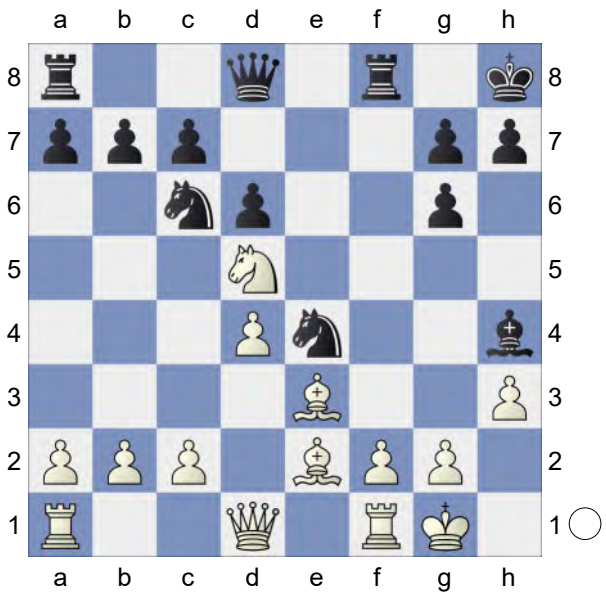
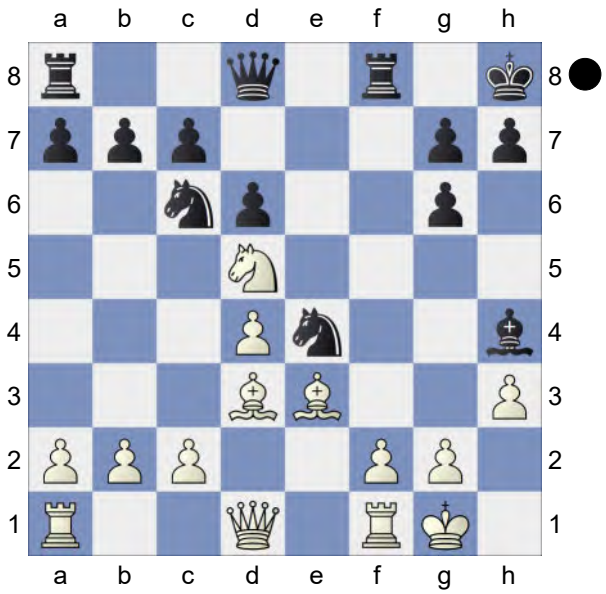


16.Bd3 -0.38/25 12:27
[16.Qd3± 0.84/21 Nf6 17.Nf4]



16...Bxf2+! -0.01/25 7:10 **17.Bxf2=** 3:35 **Nxf2** 10 Excellent horsemanship. **18.Qd2** 42 **Nxd3** 2:20 **19.Qxd3** 11 **Qd7** 15:33 **20.Qb5** 7:08 **Qe6** 0.78/25 17:54
[20...Rfe8= 0.01/21]

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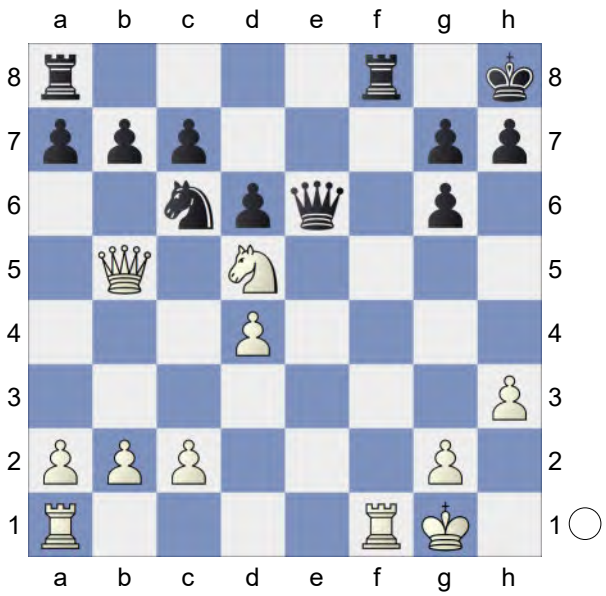
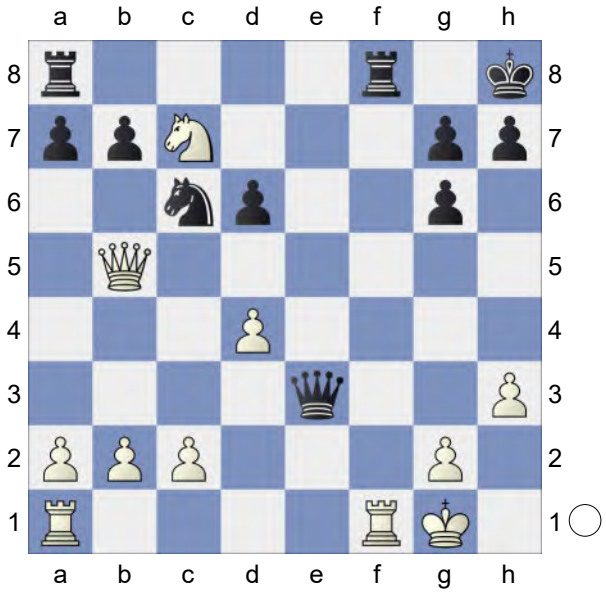


21.Nxc7± 1:20 **Qe3+** 3



22.Kh1 0.38/23 4:07
[White should try 22.Kh2!± 0.97/25 Rxf1 23.Rxf1]
22...Rab8 2:30 **23.c3** 4:20 **h6** 1.03/23 22 Black is on the road to losing.
[23...Qe7± 0.47/24 24.Nd5 Qe4]
24.Rae1 3:04 **Qg3** 29

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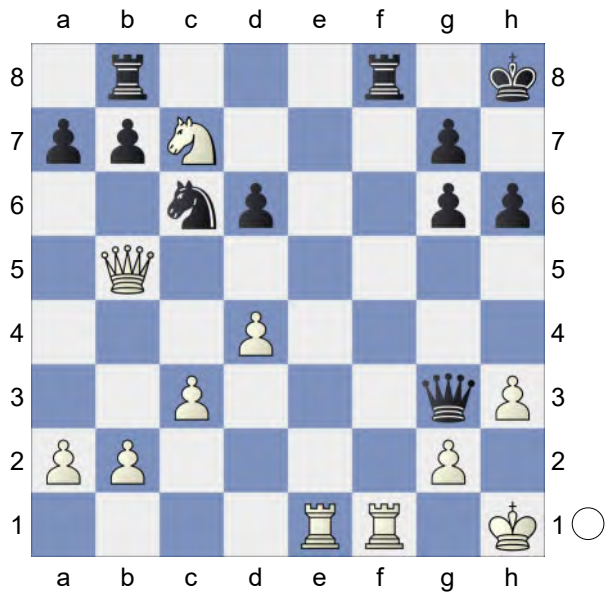
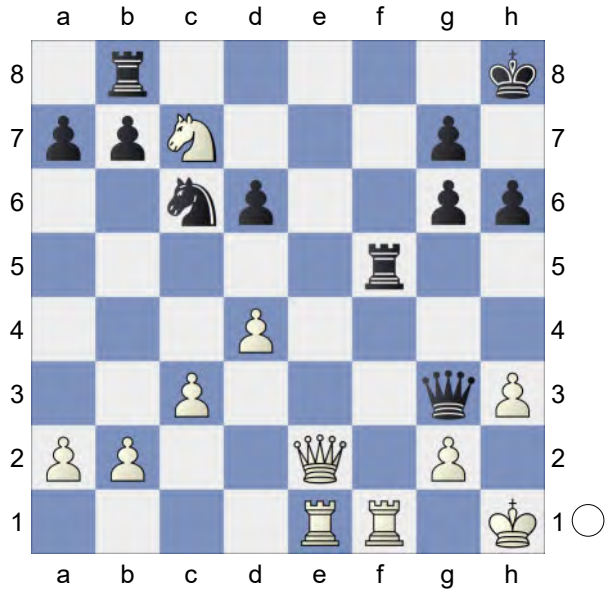
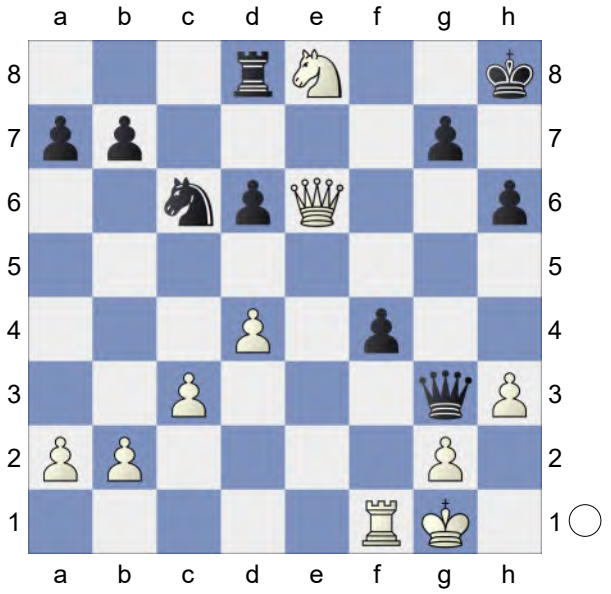


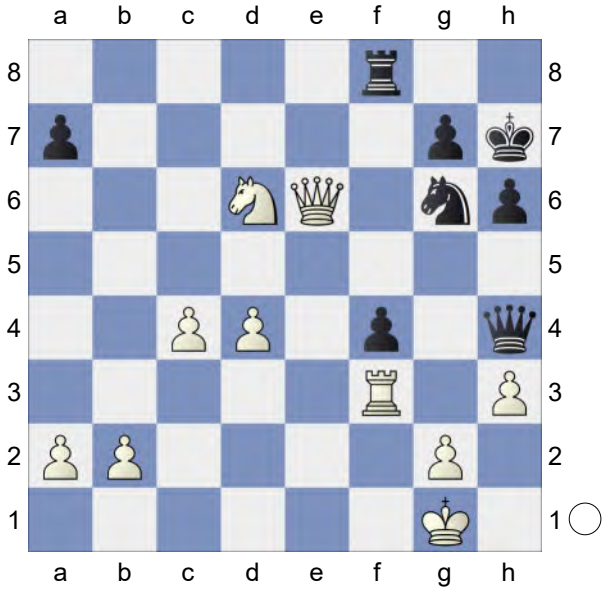
25.Qe2! 38 **Rf5** 1:17



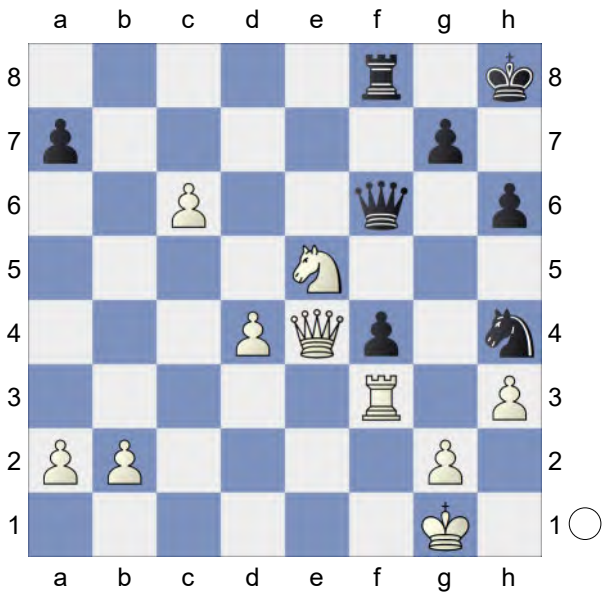
26.Ne8 2:08 **Rd8** 2:09 **27.Qe6** 6:12 Against Rd7 **27...Qd3** 2.14/23 59
[27...Rf2± 1.35/23 28.Rxf2 Qxf2]
28.Kg1+- 3:39
[28.Qxg6? loses. Rxf1+ 29.Rxf1 Qxg6-+]
[28.Rxf5 Qxf5 29.Nxd6 Qxe6 30.Rxe6 Rd7+-]
28...Qg3 50 **29.Rxf5** 2:00 **gxf5** 1 **30.Rf1→** 19 White wants a kill. **30...f4** 3.52/24 1:01
[30...Kh7 1.95/25 31.Qxf5+ *(31.Rxf5 Qg6+-)* 31...Qg6]



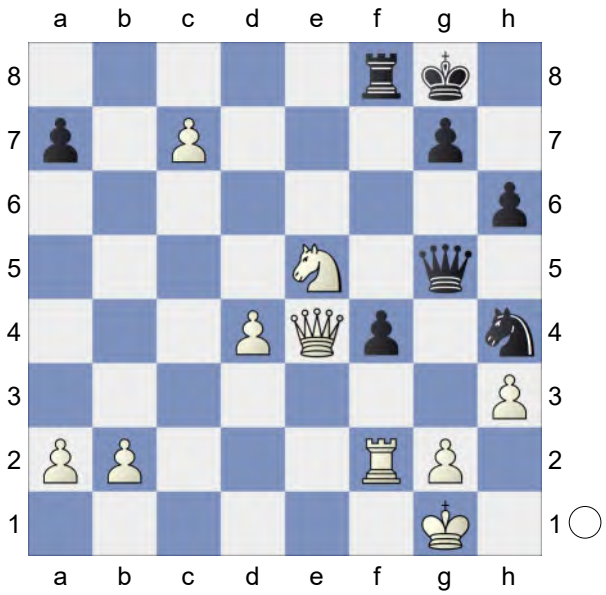
31.Rf3 2:15 **Qh4** 16 **32.Nxd6** 29 **Rf8** 6 **33.Nxb7** 2:40
[33.Nf7+ Kh7 34.d5 Qe7]
33...Ne7 1:11 **34.Nd6** 41 **Kh7** 3 **35.c4** 2:38 **Ng6** 10



36.c5 20 **Qd8** 44 **37.Qe4** 16 **Qg5** 1:04 **38.c6** 44 White is clearly winning.
38...Qf6 35 **39.Nc4** 13 **Kh8** 17 **40.Ne5** 0 **Nh4** 10.65/25 0
[⌓40...Nxe5 4.48/23 41.dxe5 Qf7]



41.Rf2 1:32 **Qg5** 7:57 **42.c7** 1:04 **Kg8** 2:35



Against Nf7 **43.Rxf4!!** 1:54

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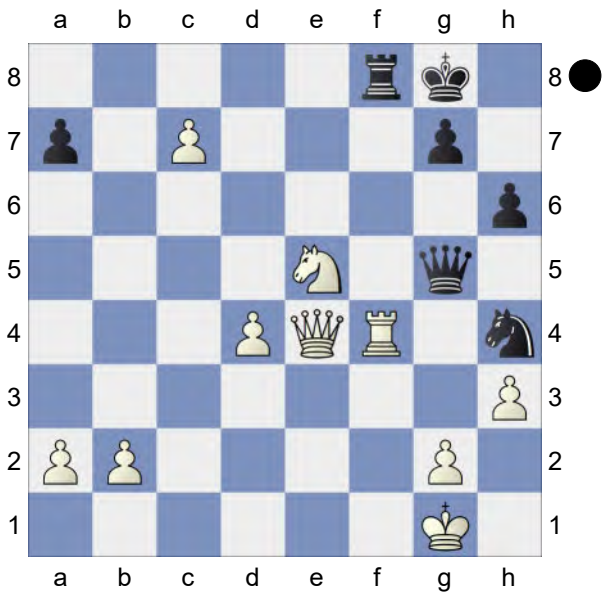

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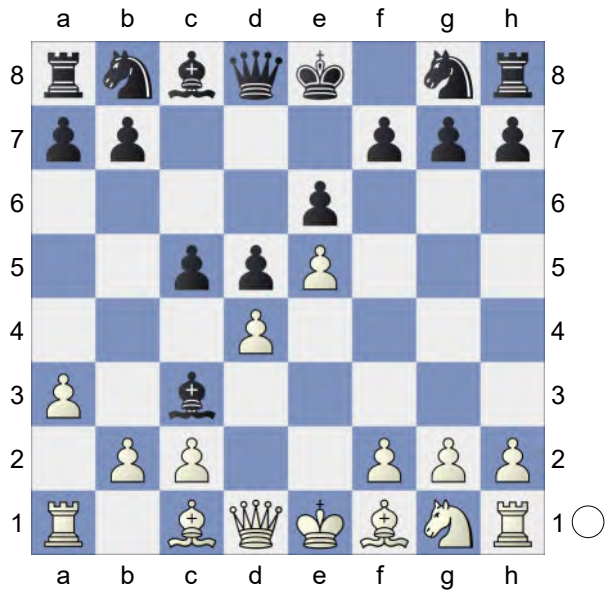
21 **C18**
□ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2546**
■ **Kosteniuk,Alexandra** **2484**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (2.1)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
C18: French: 3 Nc3 Bb4: Main line: 7 h4 and 7 Qg4 **1.e4** 8 **e6** 5 **2.d4** 37 **d5** 4 **3.Nc3** 1:15 **Bb4** 9 **4.e5** 2:07 **c5** 7 **5.a3** 29 **Bxc3+** 5



6.bxc3 4 **Ne7** 16 **7.h4** 2:24 **Qc7** 1:49 **8.Bd2** 6:46
[8.h5 h6 9.Rb1 b6 *(9...Nbc6 10.Qg4 Nf5 11.Bd3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Ncxd4 13.Bb2 Qc5 14.Ne2 Nxe2 15.Qxe2 Bd7 16.Kf1 0-0-0 17.Rh3 Bc6 18.Bxf5 exf5 19.Rc3 Qb6 20.Rb3 Qc5 21.Rc3 Qb6 22.Qd3 d4 23.Rb3 Qc5 24.Rb4* 1-0 Bulmaga,I (2416)-Degraeve,R (2467) Bastia op 2023 (7) *)* 10.Qg4 cxd4 11.Qxg7 Rg8 12.Qxh6 Qxe5+ 13.Ne2 dxc3 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.Bxf4 Nbc6 16.Nxc3 e5 17.Bd2 Bf5 18.f3 Rd8 19.Kf2 f6 20.Bd3 Kf7 21.g4 Bxd3 22.cxd3 Nd4 Caruana,F (2835)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/(88) 2020]
8...b6 2:11 **9.Bb5+N** 5:24
[9.h5 h6 10.Qg4 Rg8 *(10...Kf8 11.Bd3 Ba6 12.Nf3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Bxd3 14.cxd3 Qc2 15.Ke2 Nbc6 16.Qf4 Qa4 17.g4 Ke8 18.Rhc1 Rf8 19.Bb4 Nxb4 20.axb4 Qxb4 21.Rc7 Qb2+ 22.Qd2 Qxd2+ 23.Nxd2 f5 24.exf6 gxf6 25.f4* 1-0 Roser,K (2436)-Shirazi,K (2369) Syre Memorial op 34th Issy les Moulineaux 2011 (5) *Rf7 26.Nf3 Nc8 27.Rc6 Re7 28.Rac1 Kd7 29.g5 hxg5 30.fxg5 fxg5 31.h6 g4 32.Ng5 Nd6 33.Rc7+ Kd8 34.h7 Re8 35.R1c6 Rc8 36.Nf7+ Nxf7 37.Rxc8+ Ke7 38.Rxe8+ Kxe8 39.Rc8+* 1-0 Hawranke,D (2554)-Naegelein,F (2190) Leuven (blitz) 133/(94) 2017 (6) *)* 11.Bd3 Nf5 12.Ne2 Nc6 13.Rh3 Nce7 14.Qf4 c4 15.Bxf5 exf5 16.f3 Be6 17.a4 a5 18.Bc1 Qd7 19.Qh4 Nc8 20.Rg3 Kf8 21.Ba3+ Ke8 22.Qf6 Qxa4 23.Rxg7 Rxg7 1-0 De Silva,L (2085)-Subrota,B (2268) Asia zt 3.2 Online Tornelo INT 2021 (5)]
9...Bd7 5 **10.a4** -0.88/21 1:04
[10.Bd3= 0.01/20 remains equal.]
10...Bxb5∓ 5:01

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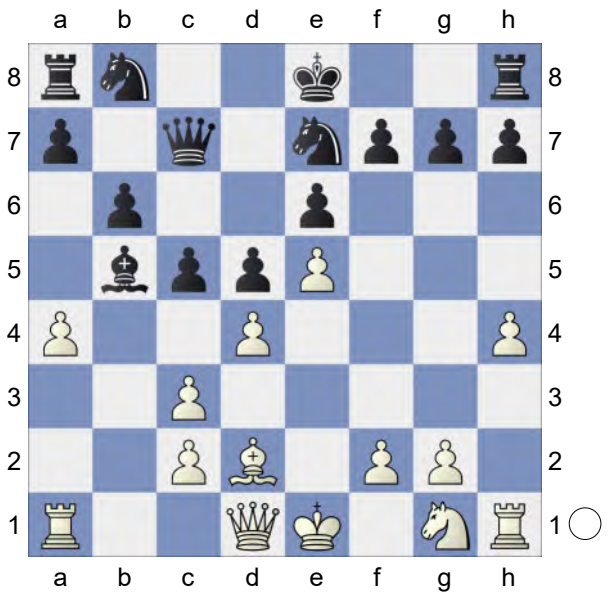
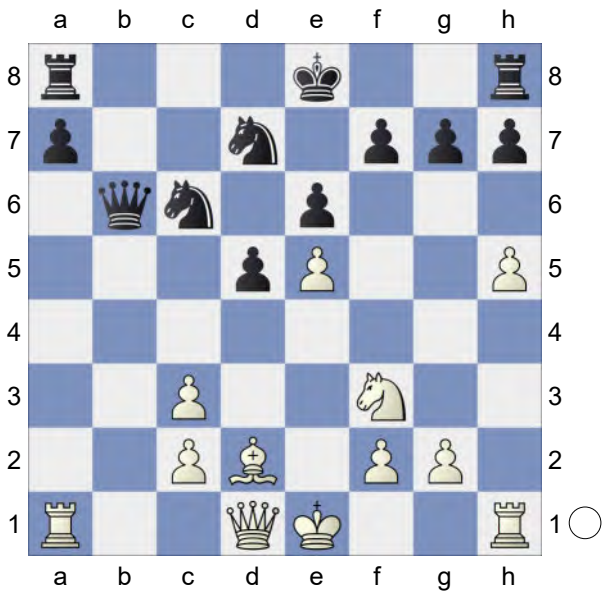
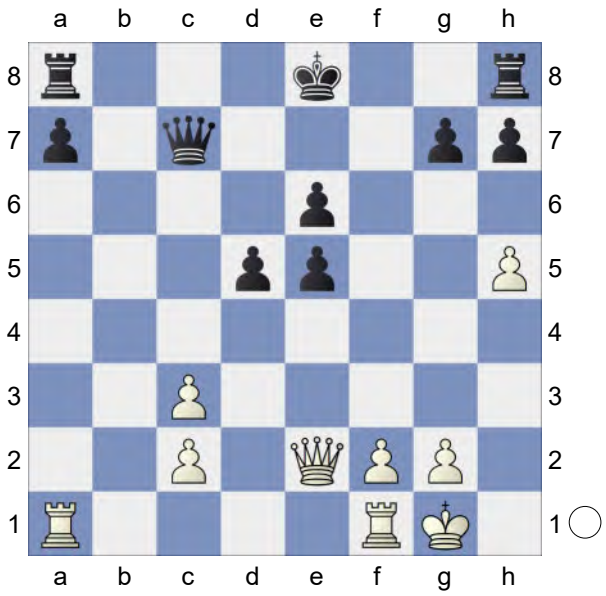


11.axb5 6 **Qd7** 0.22/19 17
[Black should try 11...cxd4∓ -0.53/21 12.cxd4 Qc4]
12.dxc5 -0.37/21 7:16
[12.Qb1= 0.22/19]
12...Qxb5∓ 16:13 **13.cxb6!** 57 **Qxb6** 16 **14.h5** 1:46 **Nd7** 7:46 **15.Nf3** 1:28 **Nc6** 4:11



16.Qe2 9:38 **Qc7** 4:21 **17.0-0** -0.45/23 3:17
[17.c4= 0.01/20]
17...Ndxe5 0.01/21 14:11
[17...Ncxe5∓ -0.45/23 18.Nxe5 Qxe5]
18.Nxe5 1:43 **Nxe5** 0.33/23 25
[18...Qxe5= -0.19/23 19.Qb5 Rc8]
19.Bf4± 5:03 **f6** 5 **20.Bxe5** 5:21 **fxe5** 32



21.Ra6 2:06 **0-0** 1:10 **22.Rxe6** 23 **e4** 4:34 **23.h6** 7:53
[23.c4 simplifies Qxc4 24.Qxc4 dxc4 25.Rxe4 a5 26.Ra1]
23...Rf7 0.64/23 10:32
[23...Qxc3= 0.23/22 is more appropriate. 24.Re7 gxh6]
24.Qh5↑ 3:43 White has strong initiative.
24...Rd8 1:46 **25.Qg5** 46 **Qd7** 7:04

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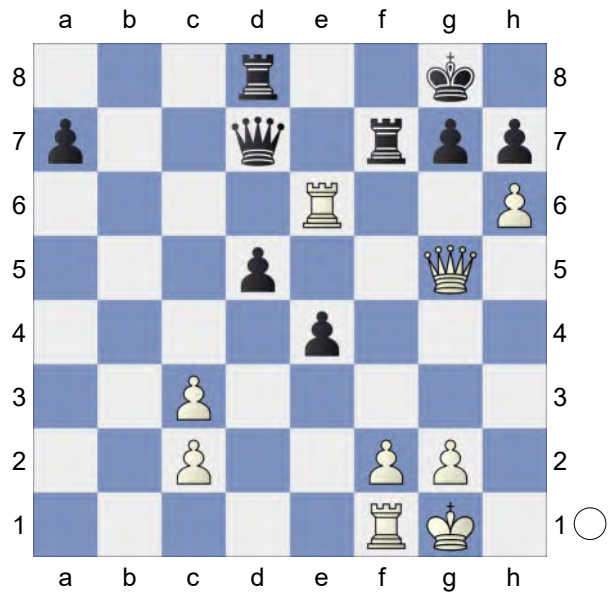


26.Re5 5:38 White is more active. **26...Qd6** 11:36 **27.Rd1** 3:49 **Qf6** 1:39 **28.Qxf6** 1:52

[28.Rexd5? perishes. Qxg5 *(28...Qxf2+ 29.Kh2=)* 29.Rxd8+ Rf8 30.Rxf8+ Kxf8-+]

28...Rxf6 43 **29.Rxe4** 4:46

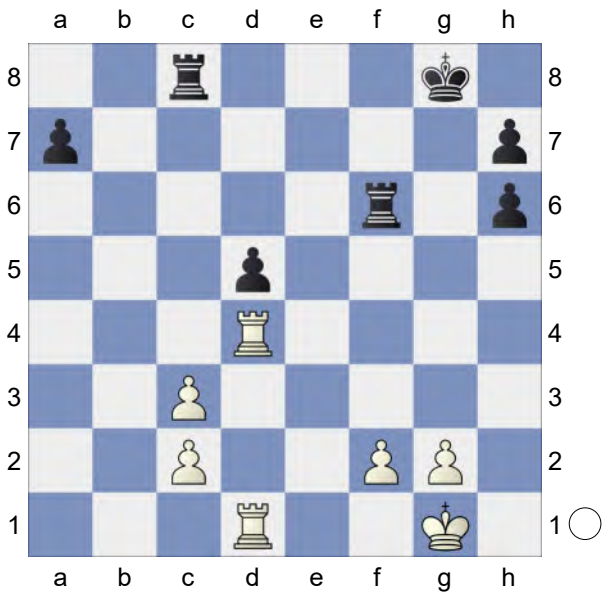
[29.c4 is interesting. d4 30.hxg7 Rc6 31.c5]

29...gxh6 0.73/20 2:10 Endgame. KRR-KRR

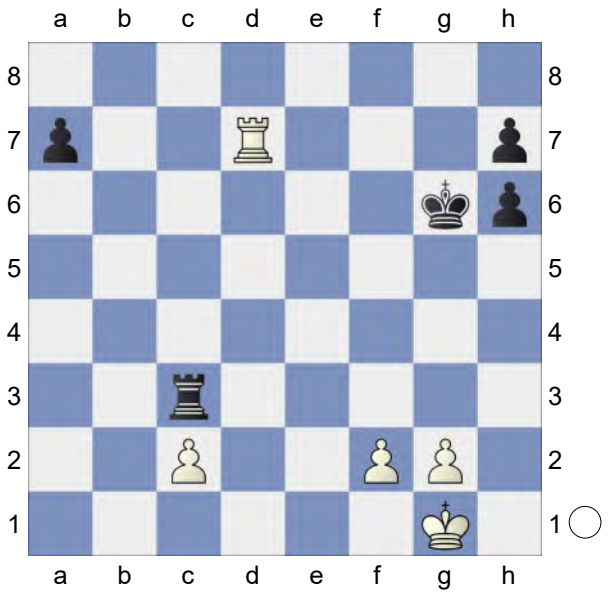
[29...Rxh6= 0.29/24 might be stronger. 30.c4 Rhd6 31.cxd5 Rxd5 32.Rxd5 Rxd5]

30.Red4 8:19 **Rc8** 48

(Diagram)

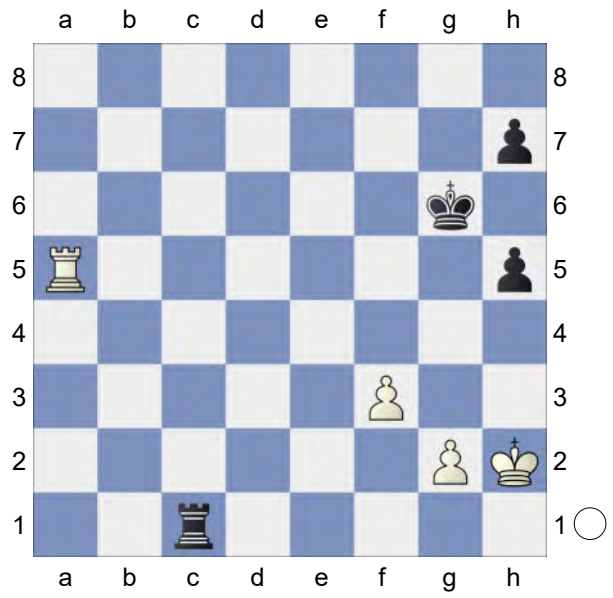


31.Rxd5 1:08 **Rxc3** 6 **32.Rd8+** 3:18 **Kg7** 29 **33.R1d7+** 1:29 **Rf7** 5 **34.Rxf7+** 5 **Kxf7=** 3 KR-KR **35.Rd7+** 5 **Kg6** 3

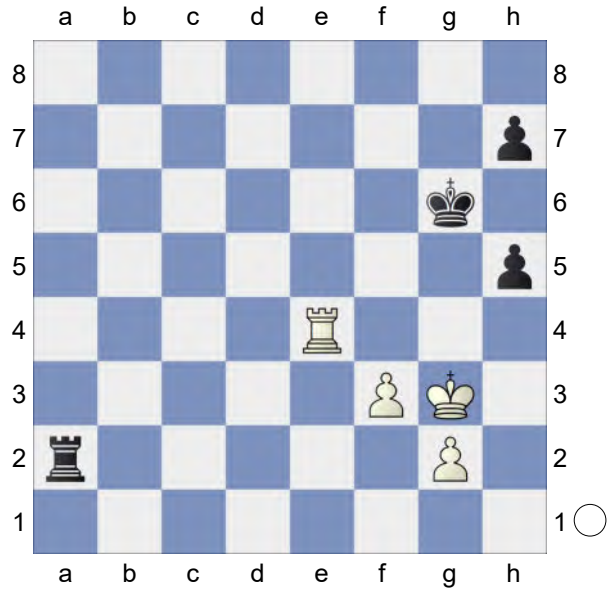


36.Rxa7 7 **Rxc2** 4 **37.Ra6+** 45 **Kg5** 26 **38.f3** 1:10 **h5** 3:31 The position is equal. **39.Kh2** 28 **Rc1** 1:02 **40.Ra5+** 0 **Kg6** 0

(Diagram)



41.Kg3 2:21 **Rc4** 1:15 **42.Ra6+** 50 **Kg5** 48 **43.Re6** 1:20 **Ra4** 31 **44.Re5+** 1:19 **Kg6** 6 **45.Re4** 1:14 **Ra2** 9:33



46.Kh3 56 **h6** 47 **47.Re8** 53 **Rb2** 1:10 **48.Re6+** 3:36 **Kg7** 5:08 **49.Kg3** 28 **Ra2** 46 **50.f4** 46 **Ra3+** 2:13

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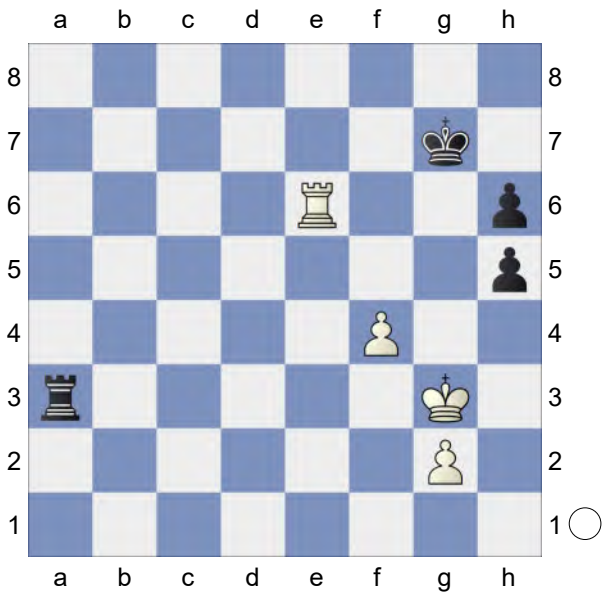
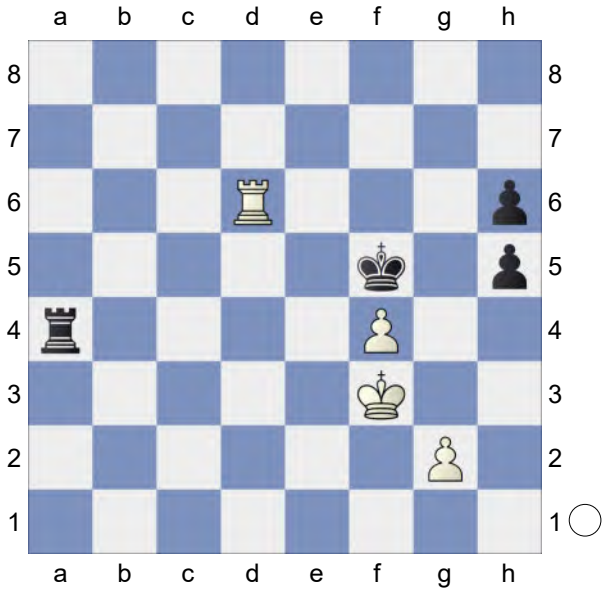


51.Kf2 43 **Rb3** 2:19 **52.Re3** 44 **Rb4** 25 **53.Kf3** 32 **Kf6** 11 **54.Rd3** 1:18 **Ra4** 21 **55.Rd6+** 29 **Kf5** 41



56.Rd5+ 37

[56.g3!? Ra3+□ 57.Kg2=]

56...Kg6 1 **57.Ke3** 1:51 **Ra2** 52 **58.Kf3** 59 **Ra4** 43 **59.Re5** 32 **Ra3+** 1:24 **60.Kf2** 1:23 **Rb3** 1:32

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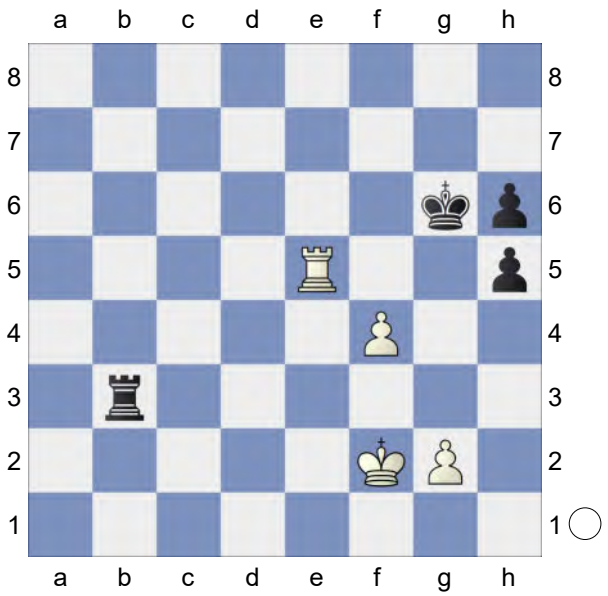
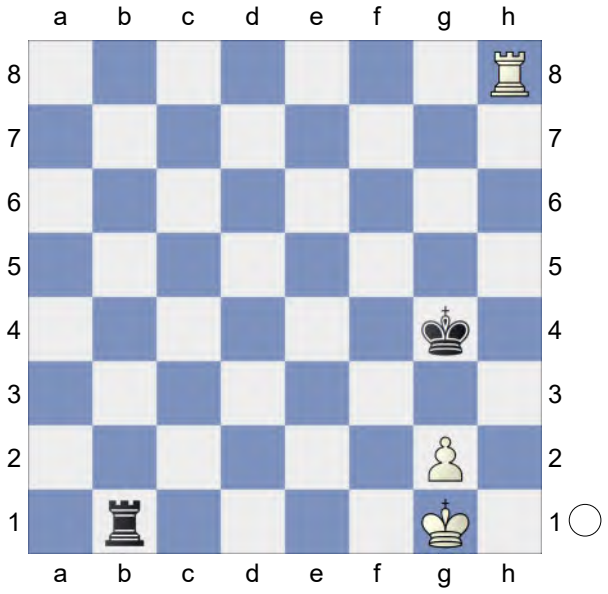


61.Re6+ 3:30 **Kf5** 14 **62.Rxh6** 24 **Kxf4** 28 **63.Rxh5** 22 **Kg4** 41 **64.Rh8** 18 **Rb2+** 13 **65.Kg1** 10 **Rb1+** 17



66.Kh2 7 **Rb2** 4 **67.Rg8+** 8 **Kh4** 9 **68.Rd8** 17 **Ra2** 3:24 **69.Rd4+** 25

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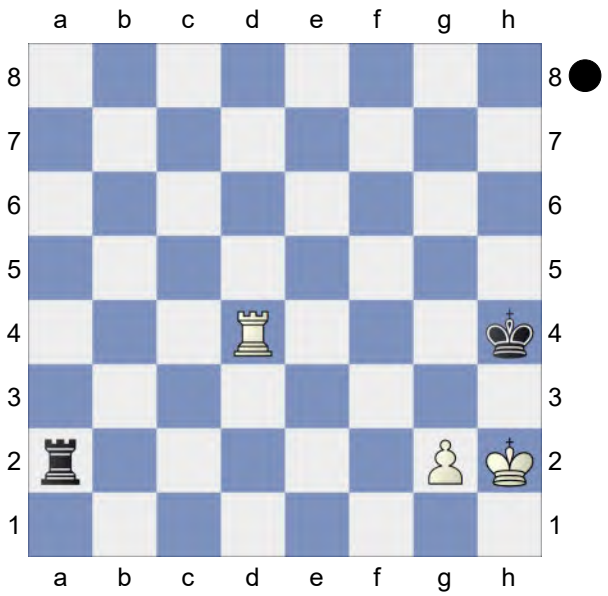

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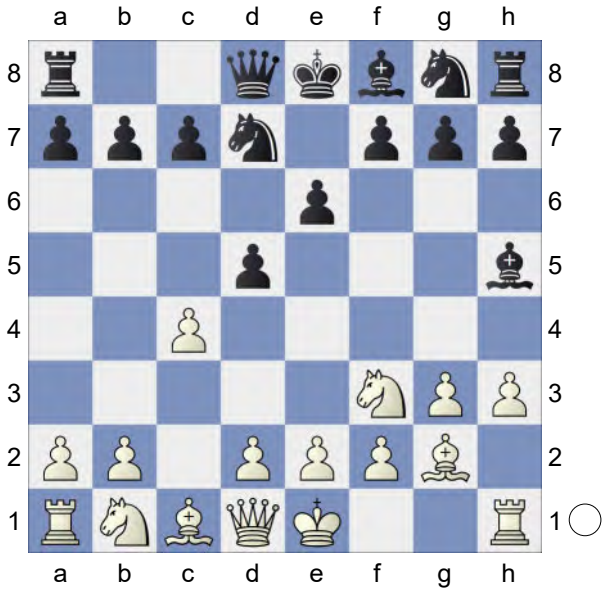
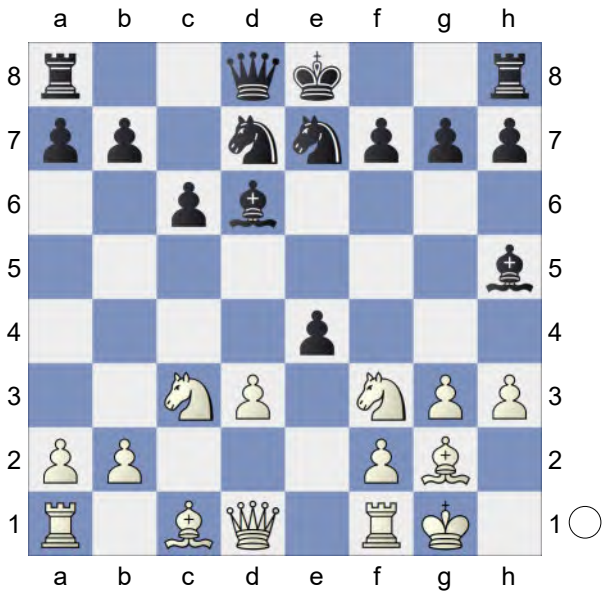
22 **A11**
□ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2561**
■ **Munguntuul,Batkhuyag** **2331**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (2.2)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
A11: English Opening: 1...c6 **1.Nf3** 4 **d5** 3 **2.g3** 7 **Bg4** 6 **3.Bg2** 9 **Nd7** 12 **4.h3** 20 **Bh5** 52 **5.c4** 16 **e6** 4:34



6.cxd5 15 **exd5** 6 **7.Nc3** 4 **c6** 2:55 **8.d3** 57 **Bd6** 7:23 **9.0-0** 49 **Ne7** 2:01 **10.e4N** 2:03
[10.Qb3 Nc5 11.Qc2 0-0 12.e3 a5 13.Ne2 Bg6 14.Rd1 h6 15.Nf4 Bh7 16.b3 Ne6 17.Bb2 Nxf4 18.exf4 Re8 19.Qc3 Nf5 20.a3 Bf8 21.Re1 Qb6 22.Ne5 Qc5 23.Qd2 Qb6 24.Qc3 Red8 0-1 Kampal,T (2465)-Levitina,I (2679) (m/1) 78/295 Hamilton 2000 (5) 25.g4 Nh4 26.Nf3 Nxg2 27.Kxg2 d4 28.Qc4 c5 29.f5 Qc7 30.Re4 Kh8 31.Ne5 Bg8 32.f6 gxf6 33.Nf3 Qd7 34.a4 Bh7 35.Re2 Re8 36.Rae1 Rxe2 37.Rxe2 Re8 38.Rxe8 Qxe8 39.Qd5 b6 0-1 Jaracz,P (2465)-Anton Guijarro,D (2679) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Feb Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (5)]
10...dxe4 0.72/22 9:23
[10...0-0± 0.33/19 feels stronger.]



11.dxe4± 51
[11.Nxe4 Ne5=]
11...Qc7 1:34 **12.Qc2** 0.23/19 2:53
[12.Be3± 0.59/19]
12...Bxf3!= 14:25 White has an edge.
13.Bxf3 13 **0-0** 0.72/20 17
[13...h5± 0.35/19 was preferrable.]
14.Bg2 1:02 **Nc5** 16:20 **15.Be3** 4:21 **Ne6** 1:07

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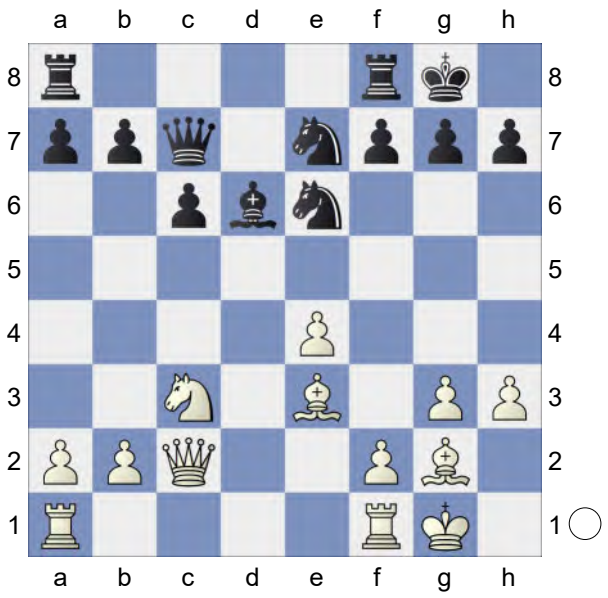
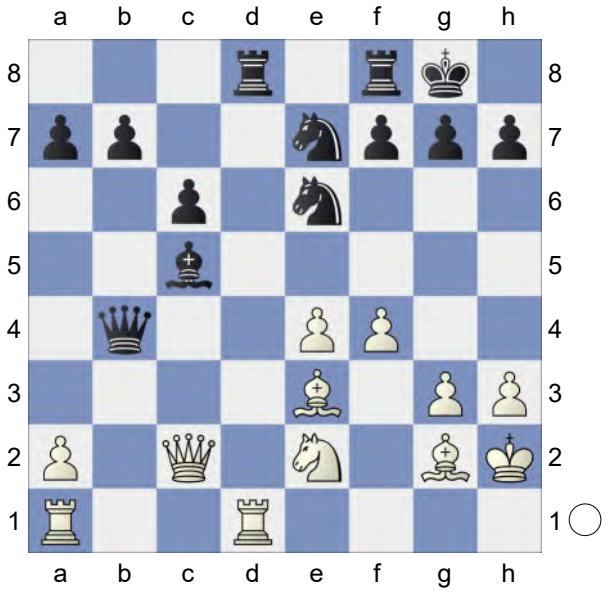
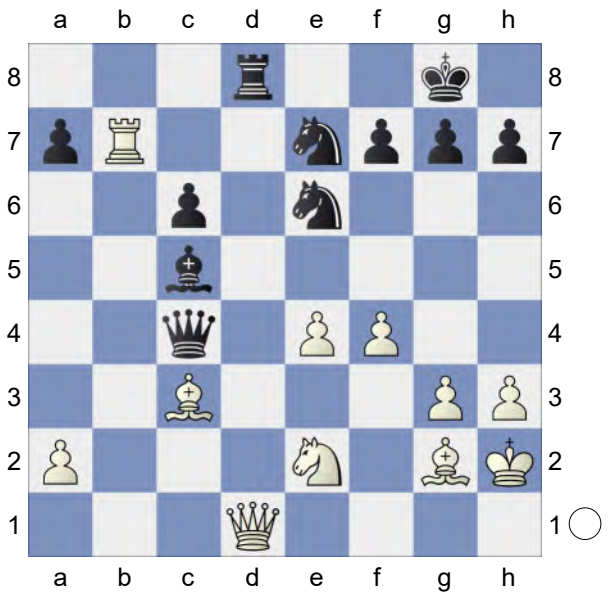


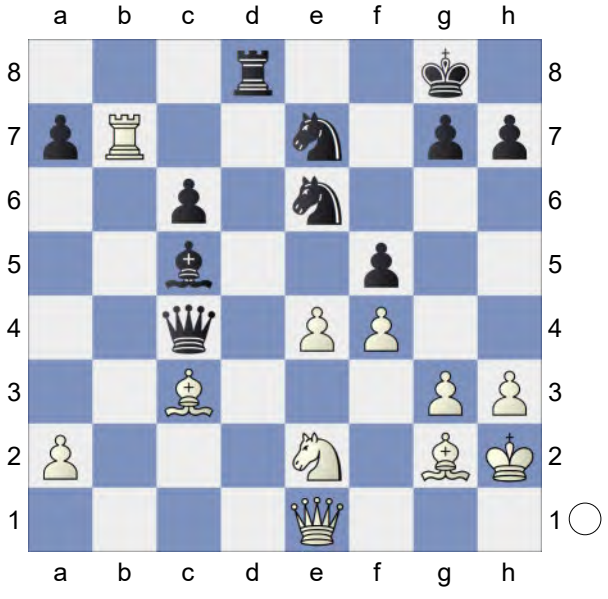
16.Ne2 1:49 **Rad8** 2:51 **17.Rfd1** 13:56
[17.Bxa7? b6 18.Bxb6 Qxb6-+]
17...Bb4 5:50 **18.f4** 0.37/21 13:20
[18.Bxa7? b6 19.a3 Bd6 20.Bxb6 Qxb6-+]
[18.Nf4± 0.90/22 Hoping for Nxe6. Nxf4 19.Bxf4]
18...Qa5 1:51 **19.Kh2** 1:21 **Bc5!** 52
20.b4 10:27 **Qxb4** 6:02



21.Rab1↑ 30 White has some pressure.
21...Qa5 1:38 **22.Bd2** 14:40 **Qa6** 20
23.Bc3 38 **Qc4** 4:24 **24.Rxb7** 13:47
Rxd1 4:44 **25.Qxd1** 4 **Rd8** 3:37

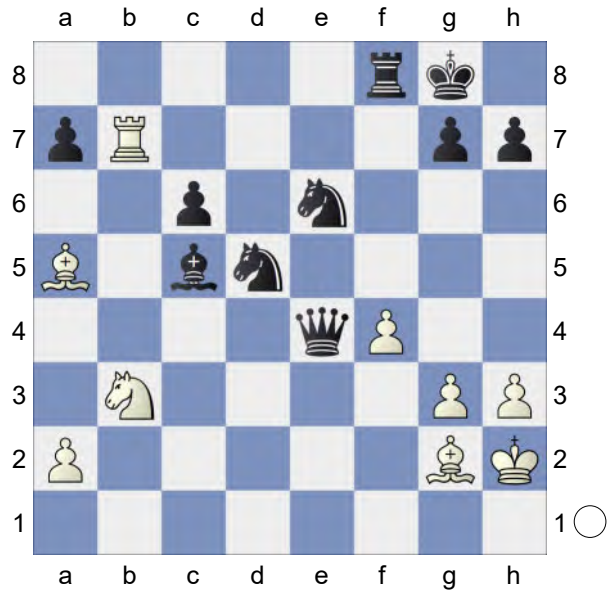


26.Qe1 0.48/20 6
[26.Qf1± 0.87/23]
26...f5 1.42/22 2:04
[26...Qxa2? 27.f5 Ng5 28.h4 Nxe4 *(28...Qa6? 29.Rb2+-)* 29.Bxe4+-]
[26...Nc8!± 0.48/20]

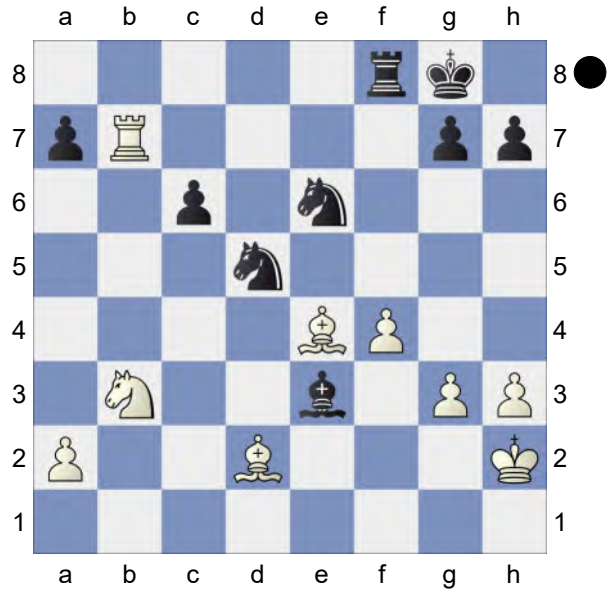


27.Ba5 0.83/21 6:44 This pair of bishops is nice.
[Better is 27.Nc1! 1.42/22]
27...Rf8 2:18 **28.Nc1** 1:36 **fxe4** 3:32
29.Nb3 37 **Nd5** 2:21 **30.Qxe4** 5:00
[30.Bxe4?! Ne3 31.Nxc5 Nxc5=]

30...Qxe4 41

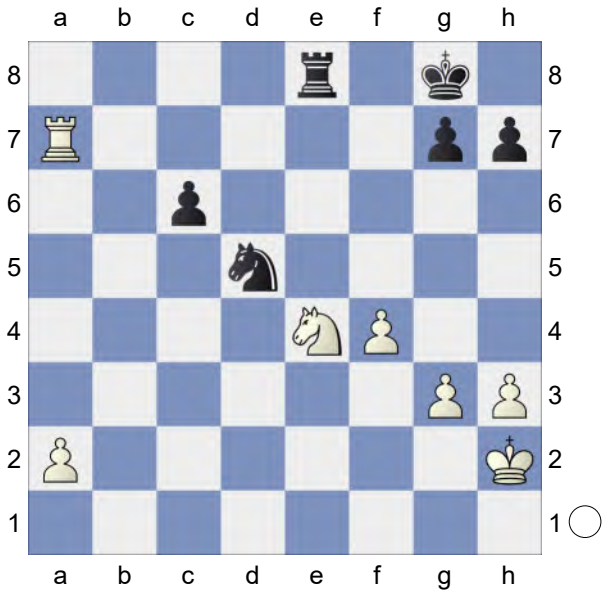


31.Bxe4 5 **Be3** 12 **32.Bd2** 4:20



Bxd5 is the strong threat. White is more active. **32...Bxd2** 32 **33.Nxd2** 6 **Nc5** 36 **34.Rxa7** 13 **Nxe4** 13 **35.Nxe4±** 5 Endgame. KRN-KRN **35...Re8** 8

(Diagram)



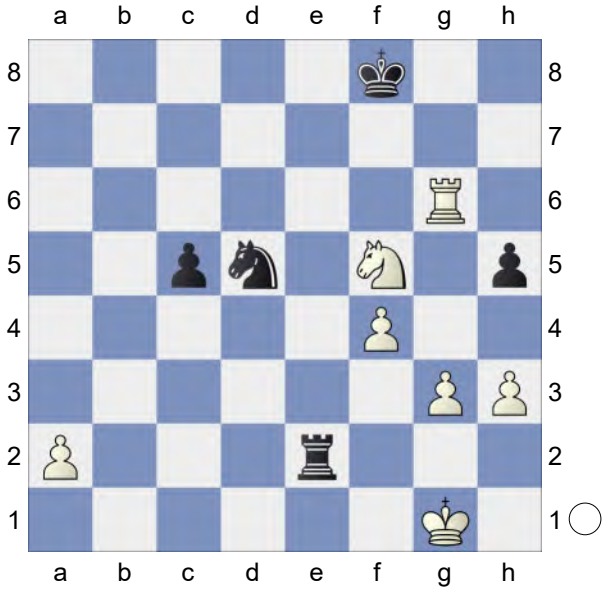
36.Nd6 2:45 **Re2+** 3 **37.Kg1** 26 Ra8+ would kill now. **37...h5** 1.58/23 26

[⌓37...g6 1.13/23]

38.Nf5 18 **g6** 1.98/22 1:16

[38...Kf8± 1.53/21 39.a4 *(39.Rxg7 h4±)* 39...g6]

39.Rg7++- 24 **Kf8** 1:02 **40.Rxg6** 0 **c5** 0



41.Rc6 4:51 **Rc2** 6:48 **42.Nd4** 3:54 **Rd2** 5:50 **43.Ne6+** 3:29

[43.Rxc5 Rxd4 44.a4 h4 45.gxh4 Ke7∓]

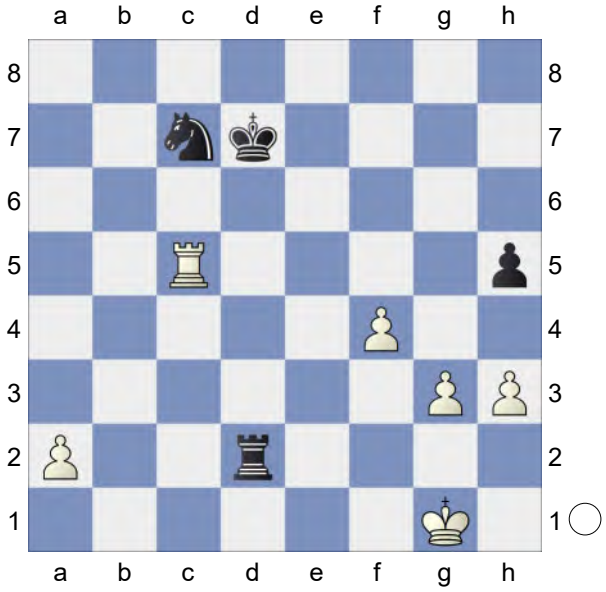
43...Ke7 40 **44.Nc7** 0.01/25 9:04

[44.Nxc5± 1.44/23 aiming for Re6+.

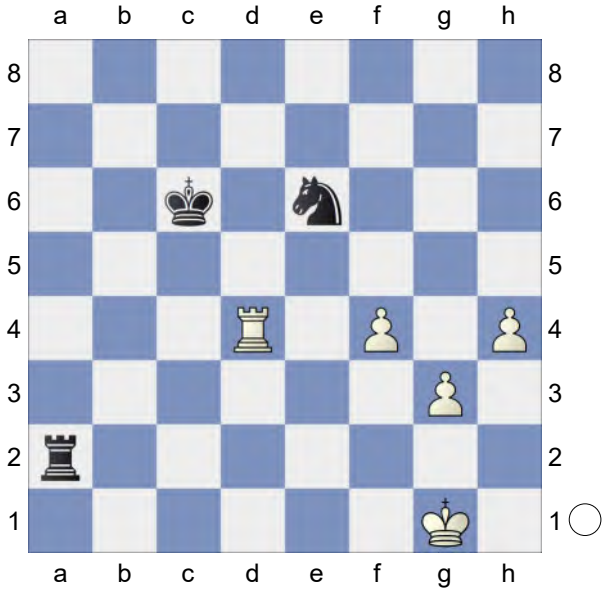
h4 45.Ne4 *(45.gxh4 Nxf4 46.Rc7+ Kd8±)* 45...Rxa2 46.Rc5 *(46.gxh4 Nxf4 47.Ng5 Ne2+ 48.Kf1 Ng3+ 49.Ke1 Re2+ 50.Kd1 Rb2±)* 46...Ra1+ 47.Kg2]

44...Kd7= 1:28 The position is equal.

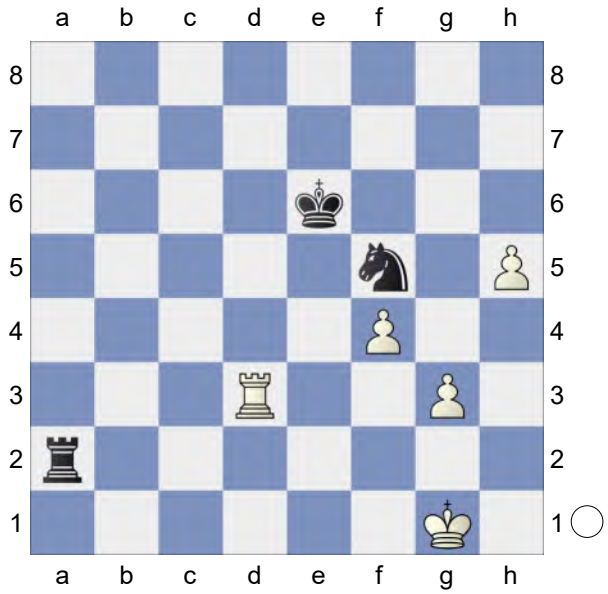
45.Rxc5 6 **Nxc7** 7



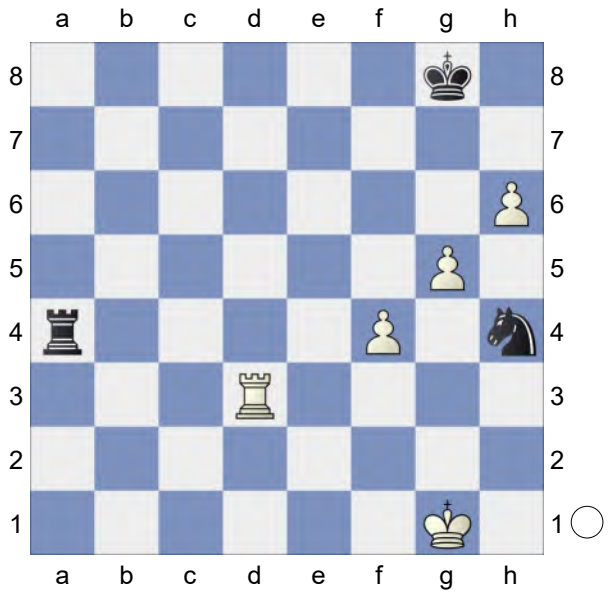
46.Rxh5 4 **Rxa2** 9 KRN-KR **47.h4** 1:11 **Ne6** 2:36 **48.Rd5+** 7 **Kc6** 1:24 **49.Rd3** 7 **Nc5** 1:03 **50.Rd4** 3:41 **Ne6** 6



51.Re4 1:37 **Kd5** 31 **52.Re5+** 4 **Kd6** 6 **53.h5** 1:13 **Nd4** 3:52 **54.Re3** 8 Prevents Nf3+ **54...Nf5** 39 **55.Rd3+** 15 **Ke6** 38

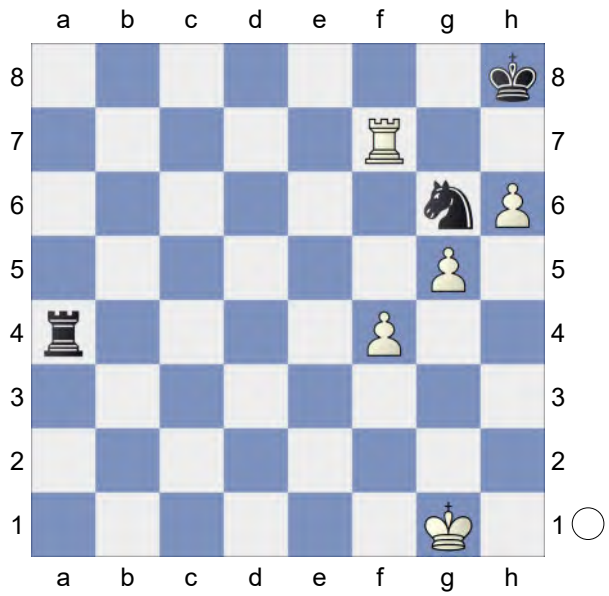


56.g4 9 **Nh4** 4:50 **57.Rg3** 1:04 **Kf6** 1:04 **58.g5+** 1:04 **Kg7** 1:50 **59.Rd3** 1:30 **Ra4** 1:02 **60.h6+** 29 **Kg8** 1:18

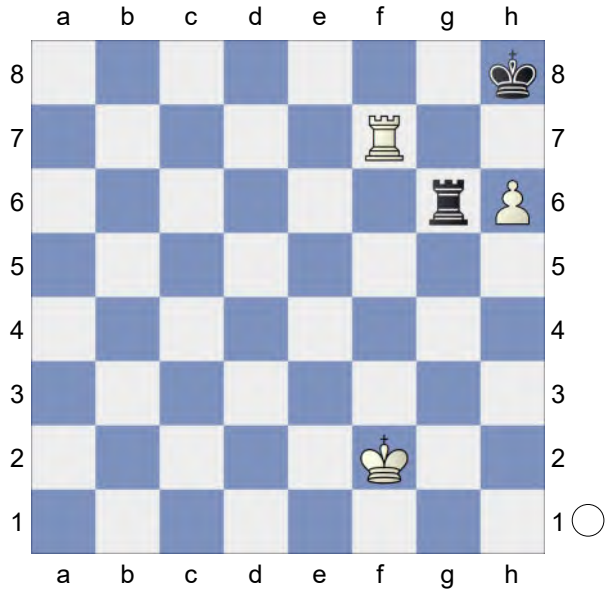


61.Rd8+ 28 **Kh7** 4 **62.Rd7+** 1:16 **Kg8** 1:34 **63.Rd8+** 1:08 **Kh7** 4 **64.Rf8** 4 **Ng6** 21 **65.Rf7+** 5 **Kh8** 5

(Diagram)



66.f5 1:26 **Rg4+** 9 **67.Kf2** 10 **Rxg5** 4 **68.fxg6** 10 **Rxg6** 2



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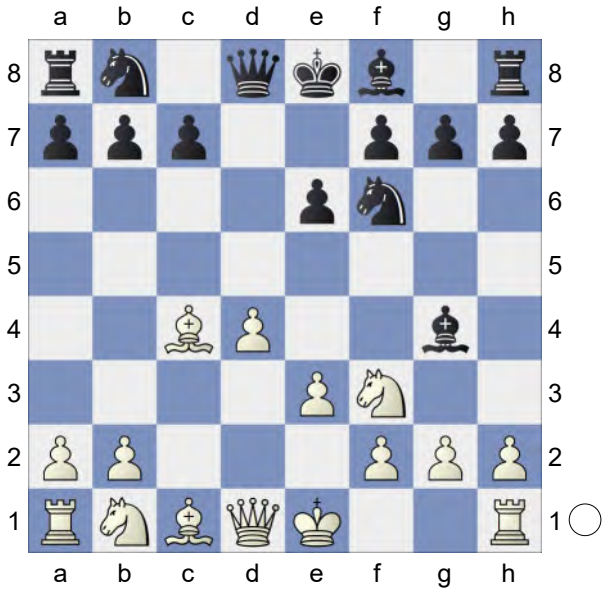
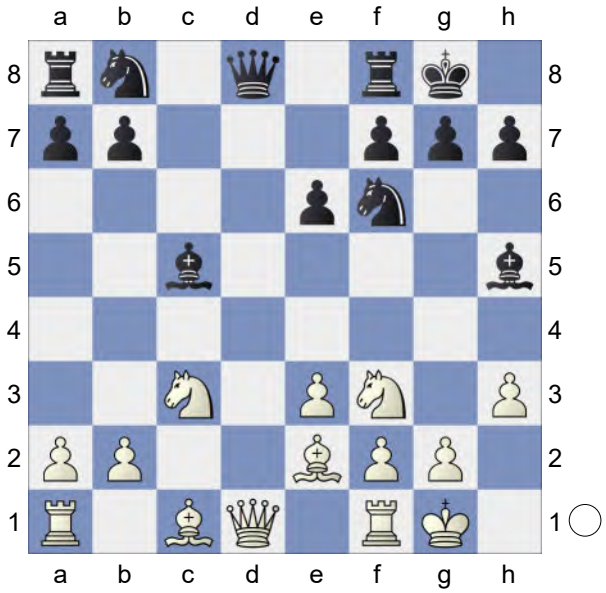
½-½

23 **D25**
□ **Koneru,Humpy** **2523**
■ **Paehtz,Elisabeth** **2427**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (2.3)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
D25: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 4 e3: sidelines and 4...Bg4 **1.d4** 5 **d5** 4 **2.c4** 25 **dxc4** 4 **3.Nf3** 32 **Nf6** 7 **4.e3** 24 **Bg4** 6 **5.Bxc4** 47 **e6** 7



6.h3 11:32 **Bh5** 11 **7.0-0** 43 **Be7N** 4:13
[7...a6
A) 8.Nc3 Nc6 9.Be2 *(9.Qe2 Na5 10.Bd3 c5 11.Rd1 Qc7 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Bd2 Nc6 14.Rac1 Be7 15.Ne4 0-0 16.Ng3 Bg6 17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.Nd4 Qb6 19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Bc3 Rfd8 21.Bd4 c5 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8* 1-0 Dely,P-Meyer,R USSR (ch) 53/113 1991*)* 9...Bd6 10.Nd2 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 0-0 12.f4 Nd5 13.Nb3 f5 14.e4 fxe4 15.Qxe4 Qf6 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.Qxd5+ Kh8 18.Bd2 Rad8 19.Qc4 Ne7 20.Rae1 Qf5 21.Qe6 Qxe6 22.Rxe6 Nd5 1-0 12.0-0 b6 13.♖ad1 ♗b7_170 (2474)-Paolozzi, M (2484) corr 1991 (13.4);
B) 8.Be2 Nc6 9.b3 Bd6 10.Bb2 0-0 11.Nbd2 Nd5 12.Rc1 f5 13.Nc4 Nce7 14.Nfe5 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 b5 16.Na5 Bxe5 17.dxe5 f4 18.Qg4 fxe3 19.Qxe6+ Kh8 20.Nb7 Qb8 21.Nd6 exf2+ 22.Kh2 ½-½ Mica,M (2307)-Lalic,B (2371) Pardubice rapid op 34th 2023 (7) Qb6 23.Nf7+ Kg8 24.Nh6+ Kh8 25.Nf7+ Kg8 26.Nh6+ ½-½ Nn Of Glasgow (2307)-Lemos,J (2371) Budapest SixDays 05 GM-A 2023 (7)]
8.Nc3 4:48 **0-0** 59 **9.Be2** 7:06
White is slightly better. **9...c5** 1:39
10.dxc5 7:06 **Bxc5** 1:43



11.a3 4:49 **Nbd7** 23:51 **12.b4** 2:11 **Be7** 10 **13.Bb2** 21 **a5** 7 **14.bxa5** -0.29/20 9:06
[⌓14.Qb3 0.21/21]
14...Rxa5 0.08/20 7:54
[⌓14...Qxa5 -0.29/20 15.g4 Bg6]
15.Nd2 1:54 **Nb6** 14:05

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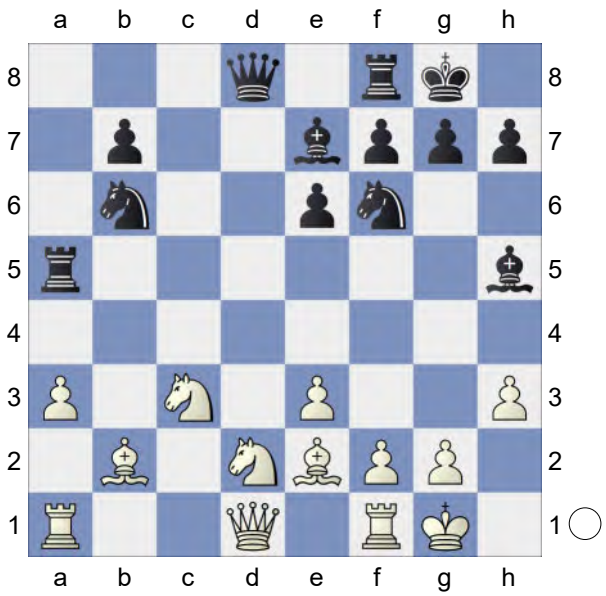
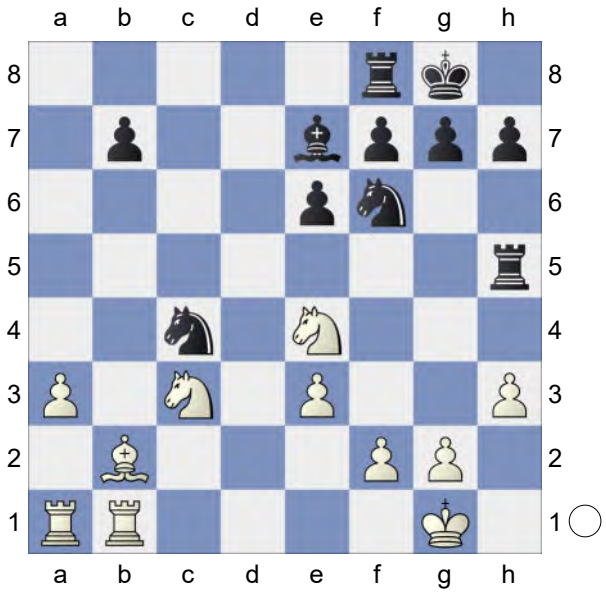


16.Bxh5 3:16 **Rxh5** 1:11 **17.Qb3** 52 **Nbd7** 2:29 **18.Nde4** 7:47
[18.Qxb7? loses. Nc5 19.Qc6 Qxd2-+]
18...Qb6 4:42 **19.Qxb6** 5:00 **Nxb6** 8 **20.Rfb1** 20 **Nc4!** 5:37



21.Bc1 1:13 **Nxe4** 3:07 **22.Nxe4** 11 **b5** 5:03 **23.a4** 19:03 **b4** 3:02 **24.Nd2** 1:19 **Na5** 51 **25.Bb2** 1:34 **Rd5** 2:21

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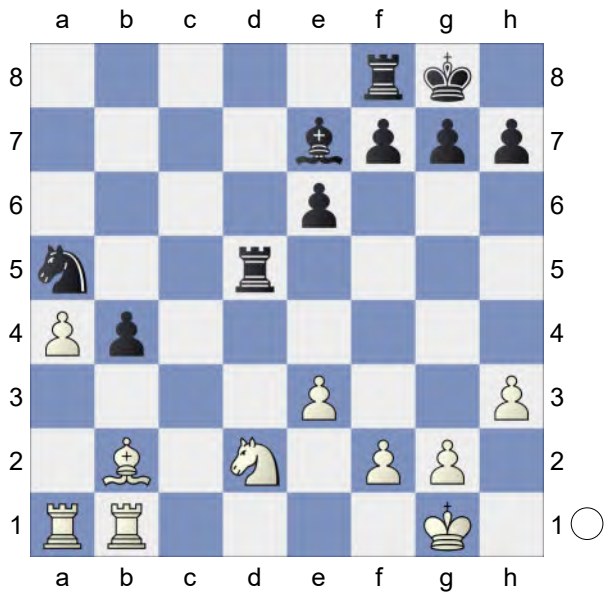
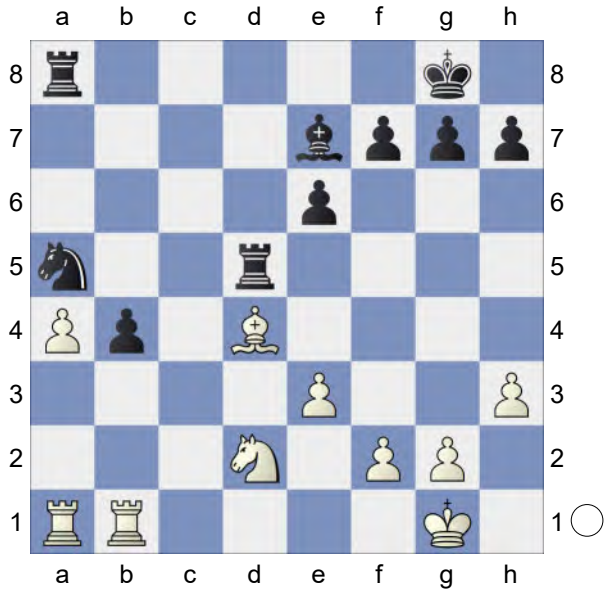


26.Bd4 43 **Ra8** 3:17



Strongly threatening ...e5. **27.Ra2** 1:34 **h6** 2:46 **28.Rc2** 43 **Rd7** -0.32/21 3:15
[28...Rb8∓ -0.71/23 ...e5 is the strong threat. 29.Ne4 f5]
29.Rbc1 -0.68/24 3:19
[29.Kf1 -0.32/21 is more appropriate.]
29...b3 2:02 **30.Rc8+** 52 **Rd8** 1:11

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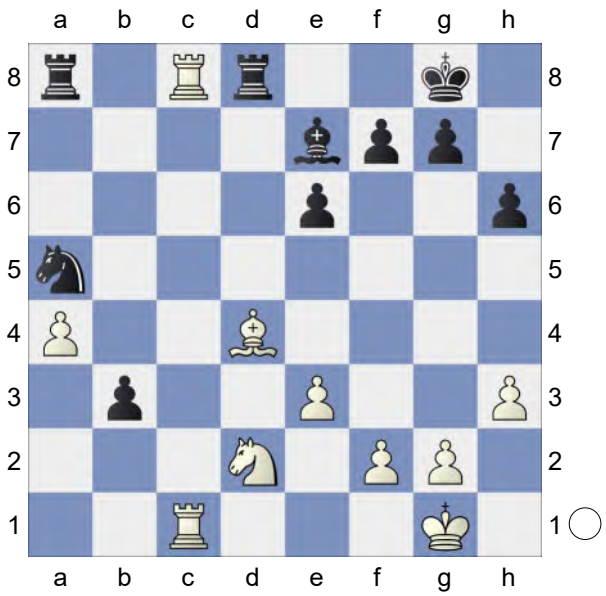
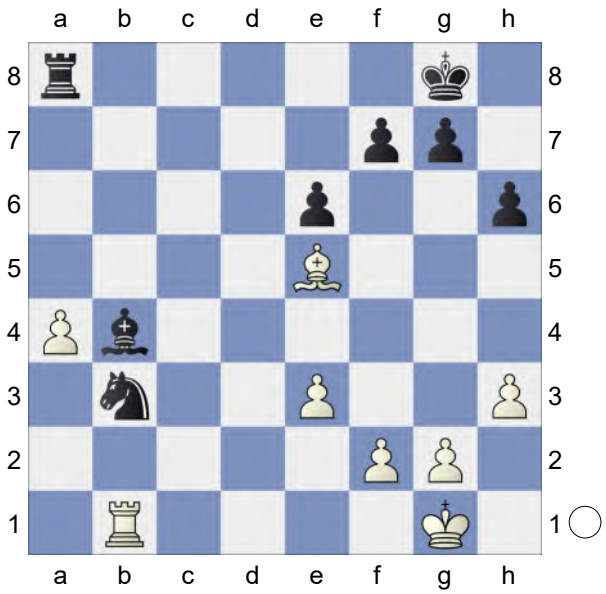


The position is equal. **31.Rxa8** 2:23 **Rxa8** 3 **32.Rb1** 11 **Rb8** 3:47 **33.Bc3** 25 **Bb4** 1:26 **34.Be5** 5 **Ra8** 25 **35.Nxb3** 14 **Nxb3** 2



36.Rxb3 7 **Rxa4=** 2 KRB-KRB **37.g4** 45 **f6** 1:09 **38.Bc3** 33 **Bxc3** 4 **39.Rxc3** 4

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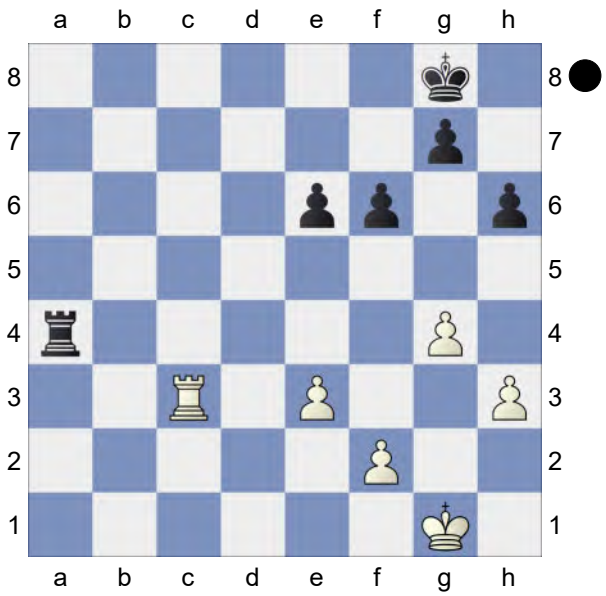
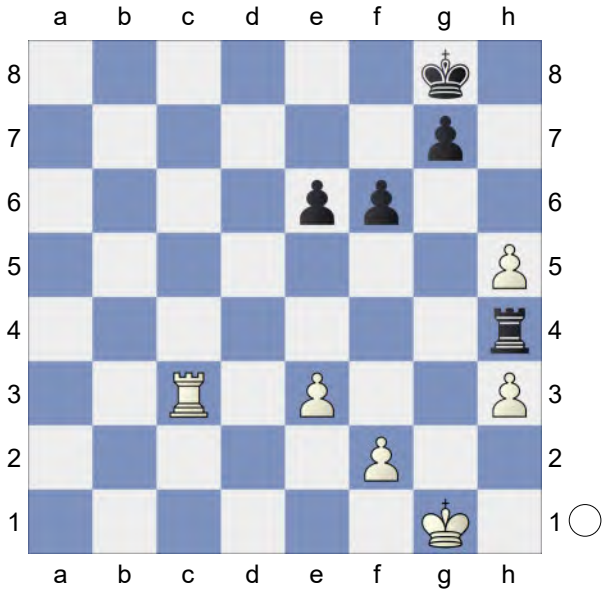


h5! 1:31 **40.gxh5** 0 **Rh4** 0



41.Rc6 42

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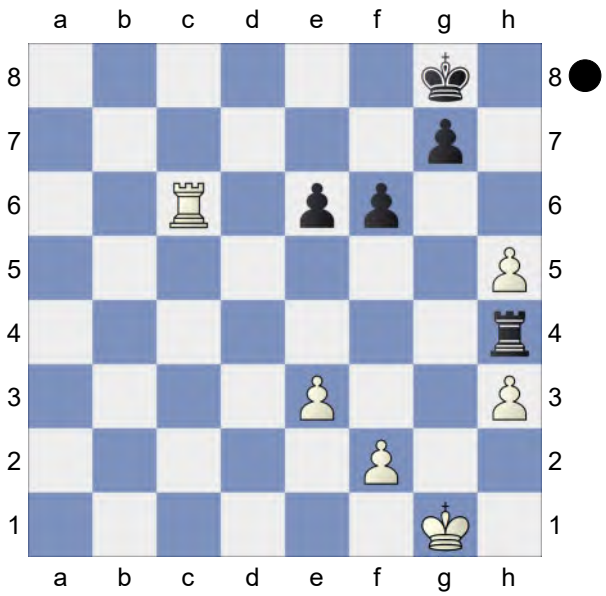

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24 **A40**
□ **Khademalsharieh,Sarasadat** **2458**
■ **Dronavalli,Harika** **2489**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (2.4)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4 **1.d4** 6 **e6** 27 **2.c4** 15 **b6** 14 **3.Nc3** 3:45 **Bb4** 2:05 **4.Qc2** 4:59 **c5N** 6:38
[4...Bb7 5.a3 *(5.e4 Qh4 6.Bd3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 f5 8.d5 fxe4 9.Bxe4 Nf6 10.Bf3 Qxc4 11.dxe6 Qxe6+ 12.Be3 Be4 13.Bxe4 Qxe4 14.Qxe4+ Nxe4 15.f3 Nxc3 16.Bd4 Nd5 17.Bxg7 Rg8 18.0-0-0 Rxg7 19.Rxd5 Rxg2* 1-0 Delgerdalai,B (2278)-Dudek,V (2263) Ceske Budejovice IM 2023 (6) *20.Nh3 d6 21.Rh5 Na6 22.Re1+ Kd7 23.Rxh7+ Kc6 24.Nf4 Rxa2 25.Kb1 Rd2 26.Ne6 Rg8 27.Nxc7 Nxc7 28.Rc1+ Kb5 29.Rhxc7 a5 30.R7c2 Rd4 31.Rb2+ Ka6 32.Rc6 Rb8 33.f4 Rxf4 34.Rxd6 a4* ½-½ 4.♘f3 c6 5.♘c3 Qe7 6.d4_3 (2243)-Froeling,P (2464) Piracicaba (rapid) 75/(49) 1999 (9) *)* 5...Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 f5 7.Nh3 Nf6 8.f3 0-0 9.e3 Nh5 10.Be2 Qh4+ 11.Nf2 d6 12.b3 Nd7 13.Bb2 e5 14.d5 f4 15.e4 a5 16.g3 Qe7 17.g4 Nhf6 18.Qc2 c6 19.dxc6 0-1 Wojtaszek,R (2750)-Adhiban,B (2653) Tata Steel-A 79th Wijk aan Zee 2017 (7)]
5.a3 4:51 **Bxc3+** 1:03

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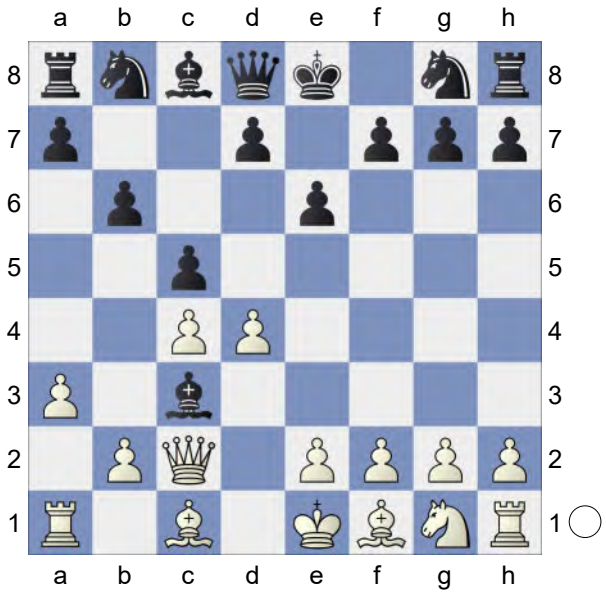
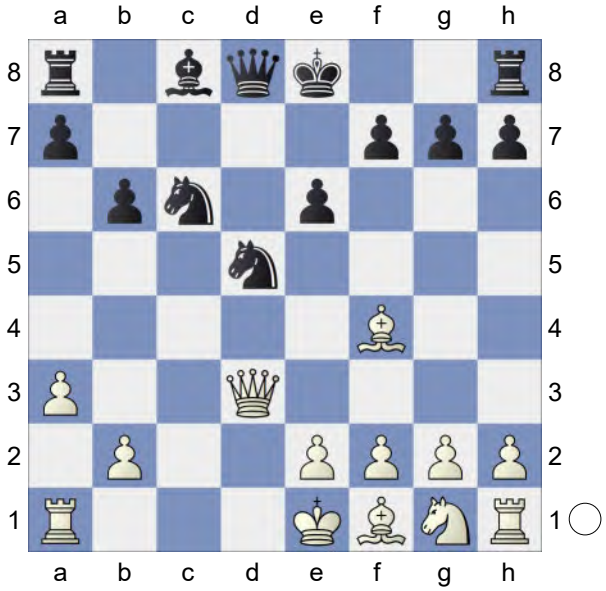
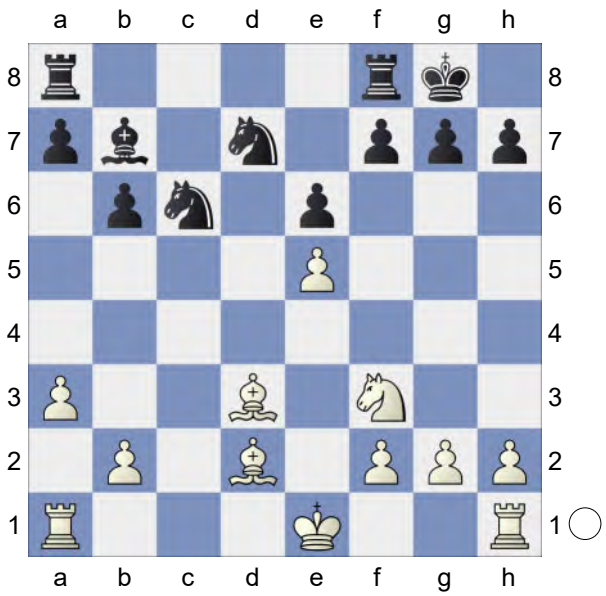


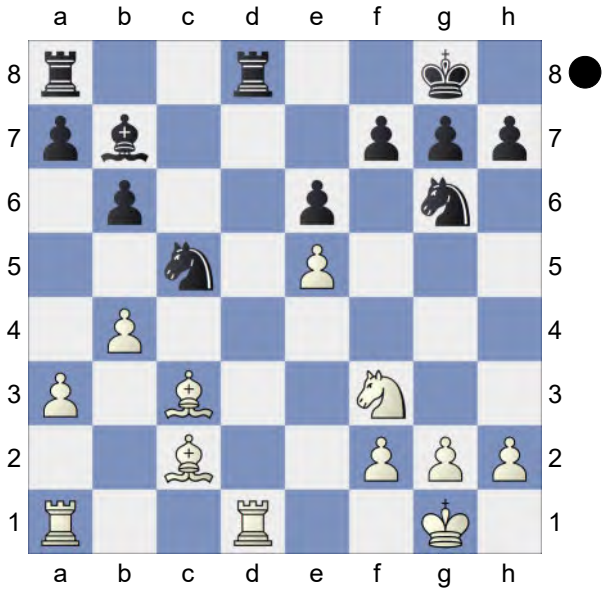
6.Qxc3 29 **cxd4** 50 **7.Qxd4** 6 **Nf6** 9 **8.Bf4** 3:16 The position is equal. **8...Nc6** 46 **9.Qd3** 6:36 **d5** 0.06/22 8:03
[9...Ba6∓ -0.31/21]
10.cxd5= 1:00 **Nxd5** 1:54



11.Bd2 6:09 **Bb7** 5:26 **12.Nf3** 3:20 **0-0** 5:36 **13.e4** 3:16 **Nf6** 3:10 **14.e5** -0.58/21 6:40
[14.Qe3= -0.16/21 feels stronger.]
14...Qxd3 7:21
[14...Nd7 feels hotter. 15.Ng5 g6 16.Qe3 Ncxe5 17.Bc3 Rc8]
15.Bxd3 5 **Nd7** 1:00



16.Bc3 2:05 **Nc5** 4:27 **17.Bc2** 6:17 **Rfd8** 4:13 **18.0-0** 3:04 **Ne7** 7:55 **19.Rfd1** 8:19 **Ng6** 14:07 **20.b4** 7:16



Nf4! 3:51

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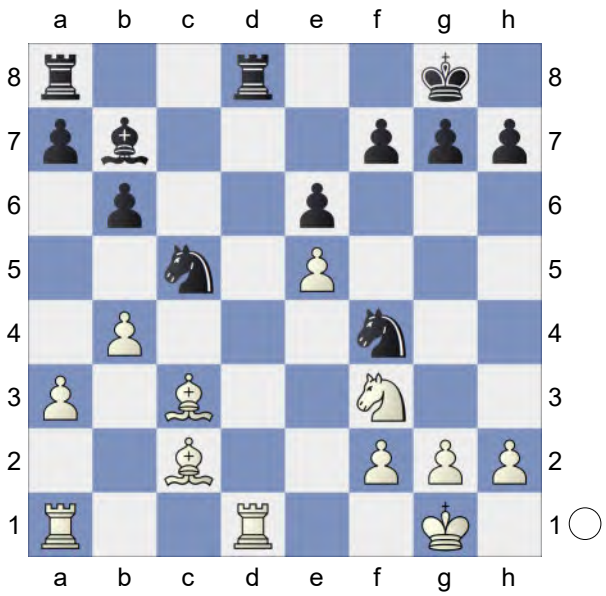
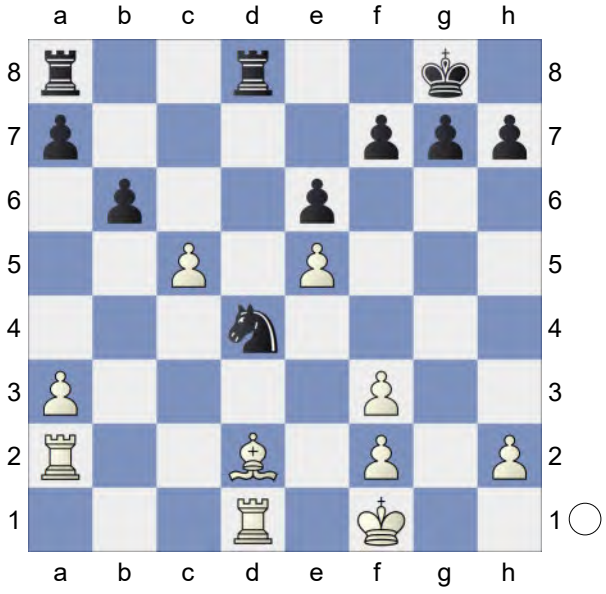


21.Bd2 9:15 **Ne2+** 15:32 A dynamic duo of knights. **22.Kf1** 1:02 **Bxf3** 5 Remove Defender **23.gxf3** 24 **Nd4** 4 **24.bxc5** 4:24 **Nxc2** 7 **25.Ra2** 2:46 **Nd4** 7



26.cxb6 1:08 **axb6** 2:19
[26...Nxf3 with more complications. 27.b7 Rab8 28.Rb2 f6]
27.Be3 2:11 **Nxf3** 5 **28.Rxd8+** 5 **Rxd8** 3 **29.Bxb6** 8 Endgame. KRB-KRN **29...Ra8** 3:34 **30.Bc7** 58 **Nxh2+** 18

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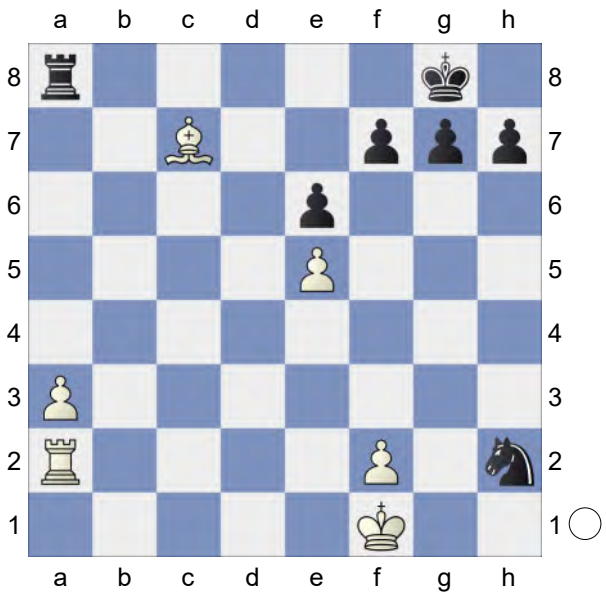
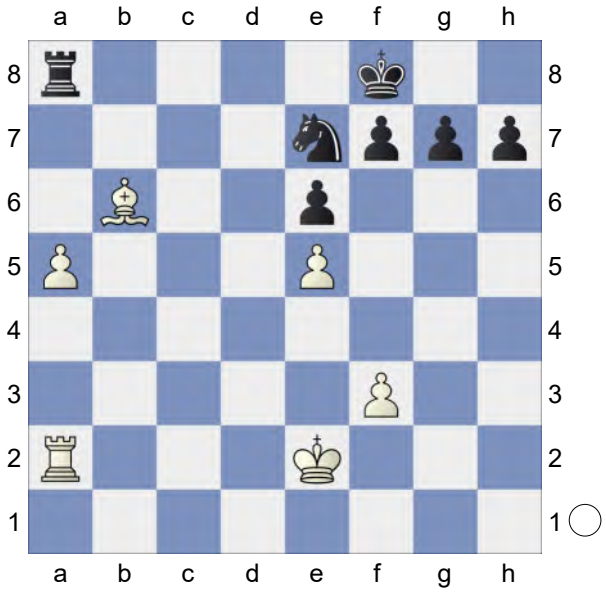


31.Ke2 1:08 **Ng4** 7 **32.f3** 1:14 **Nh6** 36
33.a4 36 **Kf8** 1:05 **34.a5** 19 **Nf5** 54
35.Bb6 2:26 **Ne7** 1:37



36.a6 1:06 **Ke8** 2:00 Hoping for ...Nd5.
37.a7 9 **Nc6** 0.43/24 40
[37...Kd7= 0.01/23 deserves consideration.]
38.Rd2± 1:57 **Nxe5?** 6.00/23 13
[38...Rxa7± 0.45/24 39.Bxa7 Nxa7]

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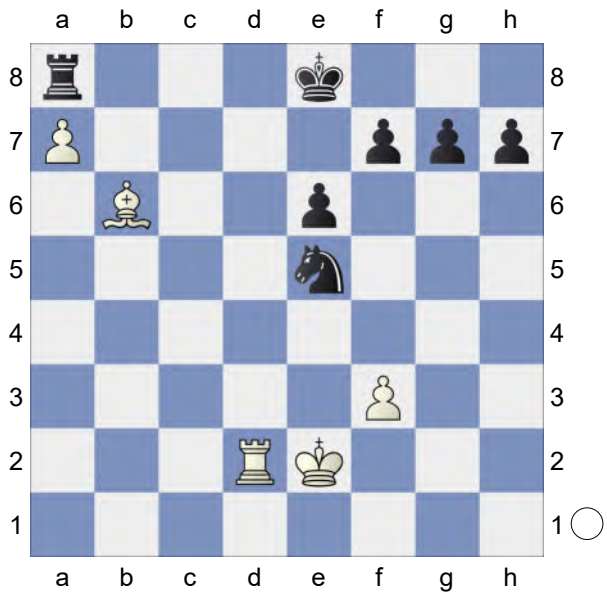
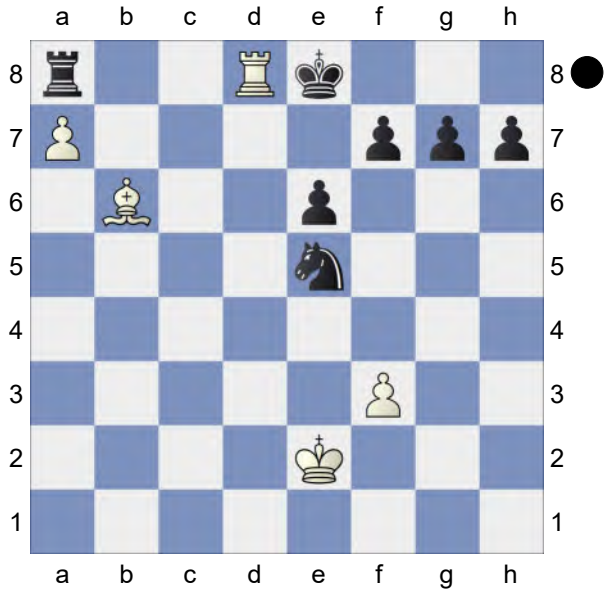


39.Rd8+! 6



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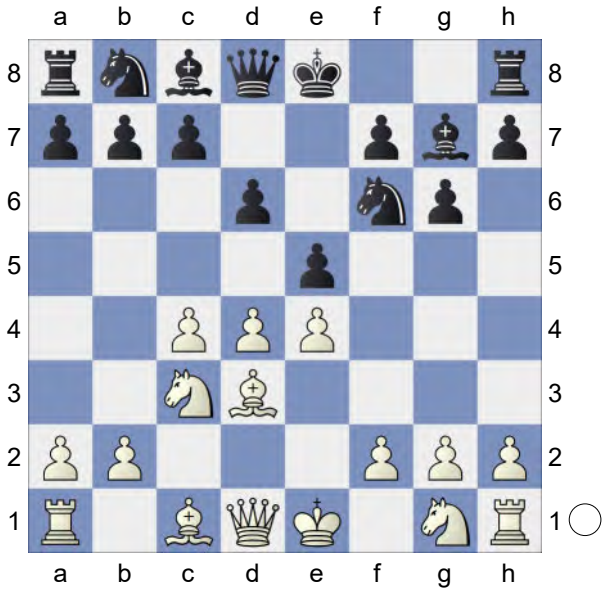
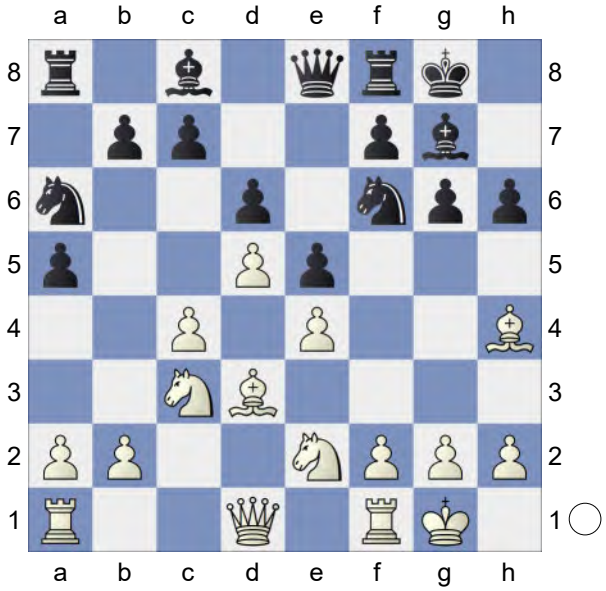
25 **E70**
□ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2515**
■ **Assaubayeva,Bibisara** **2492**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (2.5)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
E70: King's Indian: Miscellaneous lines with 4 e4, including 5 Nge2 and 5 Bd3 0-0 6 Nge2 **1.c4** 8 **g6** 2:59 **2.e4** 33 **Bg7** 44 **3.d4** 18 **d6** 19 **4.Nc3** 15 **Nf6** 9 **5.Bd3** 13 **e5** 5:21



6.d5 57 **a5** 8 **7.Nge2** 41 **Na6** 41 **8.0-0** 1:47 **0-0** 2:51 **9.Bg5N** 2:26
[9.f3 Bd7 *(9...c6 10.Be3 Nh5 11.Qd2 f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.f4 e4 14.Bc2 Nb4 15.Bb1 Nf6 16.a3 Na6 17.Bc2 c5 18.h3 Nc7 19.Rae1 Bd7 20.g4 fxg4 21.f5 gxh3 22.Bg5 b5 23.Ng3 bxc4 24.Nh5* 1-0 Marin,M (2525)-Bologan,V (2585) 54/585 Calimanesti 1992*; 9...Ne8 10.Kh1 Kh8 11.Be3 f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.f4 Nf6 14.fxe5 Ng4 15.Bg1 dxe5 16.Ng3 Qg5 17.Qf3 f4 18.Nge4 Qh4 19.h3 Nb4 20.Bc5 Nxd3 21.Bxf8 Ne3 22.Bxg7+ Kxg7 23.Kg1 Bf5 24.Qe2* 1-0 Atalik,S (2632)-Sibarevic,M (2342) BIH-chT 5th Banja Vrucica 2006 (7) *Bxh3 25.gxh3 Kh8 26.Kh2 Rg8 27.Rg1* 1-0 Atalik,S (2541)-Postl,A (2277) EU-Cup 20th Izmir 2004 (2.6)*)* 10.Be3 Nc5 11.Bc2 Qe8 12.Qd2 Kh8 13.Kh1 Ng8 14.Rae1 f5 15.exf5 gxf5 16.f4 b6 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Ng3 Qg6 19.Qf2 Qg4 20.Bxc5 bxc5 21.Qxc5 Qd4 22.Qxd4 exd4 23.Nb5 Bxb5 1-0 Durufle,A (2609)-Main Line Na5 (2345) Deutschland 72/48 1998 (2.4)]
[9.f4 exf4 10.Bxf4 Ng4 11.h3 Ne5 12.b3 Nc5 13.Bc2 Qe7 14.Qd2 a4 15.Bg5 f6 16.Bf4 axb3 17.axb3 Bd7 18.Nd4 Rxa1 19.Rxa1 f5 20.exf5 Ned3 21.Ne6 Bxe6 22.Bg5 Bxc3 23.Bxe7 Bxd2 0-1 Richter,U-Hoffmann,H OLO-A 1993]
9...h6 4:36 **10.Bh4** 14 **Qe8** 6:12



11.f3 7:01 White is slightly better.
11...Nh5 4:35 **12.a3** 19:18 **Bd7** 2:41 **13.Bc2** 1:21 **f5** 2:46 **14.exf5** 6:24 **gxf5** 16 **15.Rb1** 7:51 White is more active.
15...Nc5 5:59

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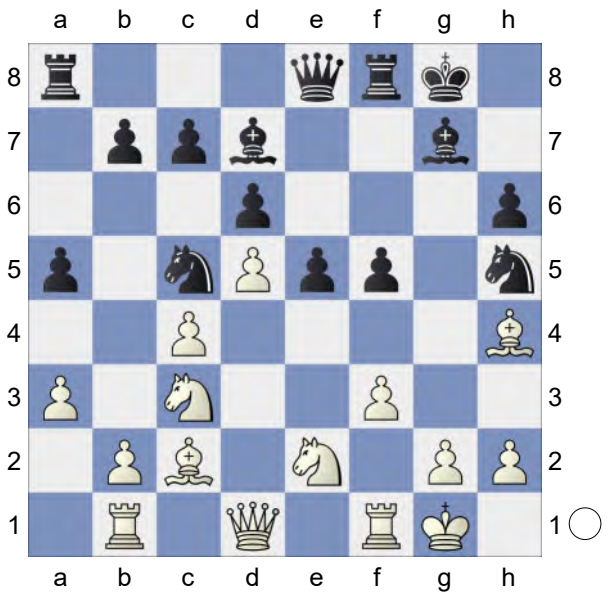
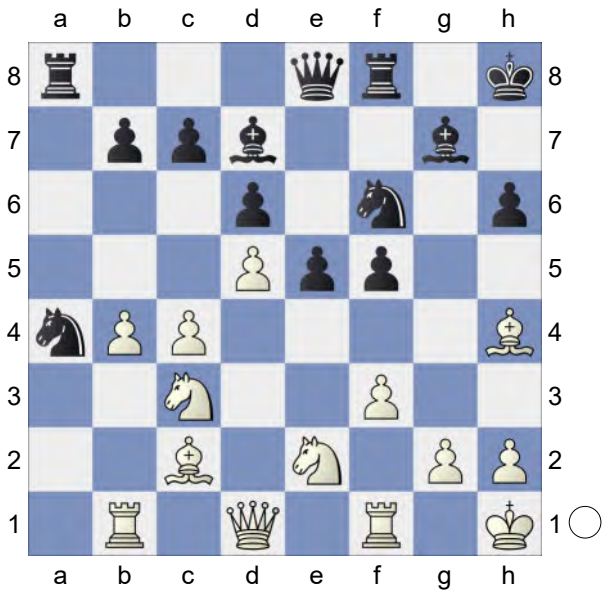
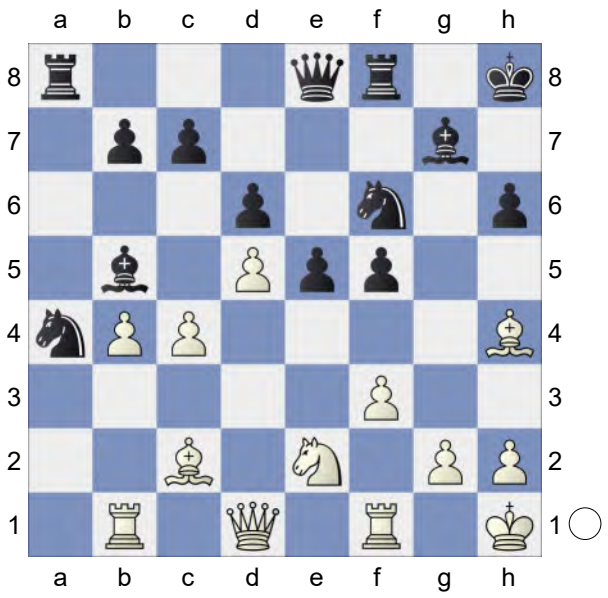


16.b3 12:34 **Kh8** 5:27 **17.Kh1** 1:29 **Nf6** 15:16 **18.b4** 4:17 **axb4** 19 **19.axb4** 4 **Na4** 4:34



20.Nb5 -0.25/23 44 **Bxb5=** 1:57

(Diagram)

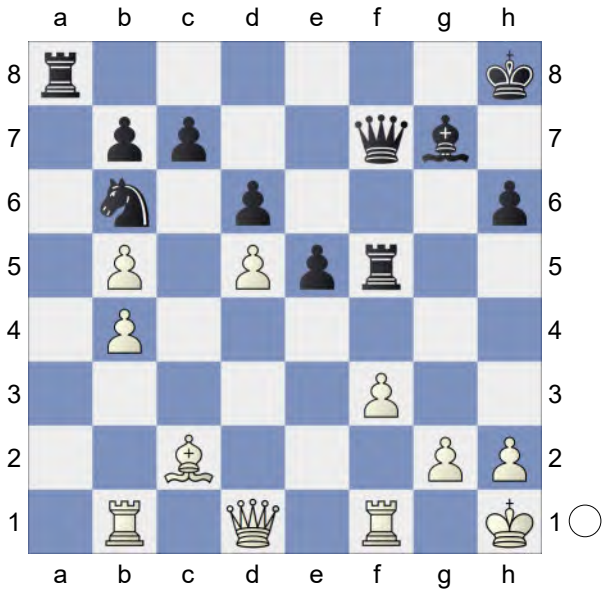


21.cxb5 5 **Nb6** 2:19 **22.Bxf6** 5:26 **Rxf6** 1:08 **23.Ng3** 3:58 **Qf7** 0.40/23 1:42

[23...Qxb5= -0.16/23 24.Nxf5 Nxd5 25.Nxg7 Kxg7]

24.Nxf5± 4:30 **Rxf5** 0.84/22 17:04

[24...Nxd5= 0.16/23 25.Nxg7 Ne3]



25.Qd3!± 5 **Nxd5** 11

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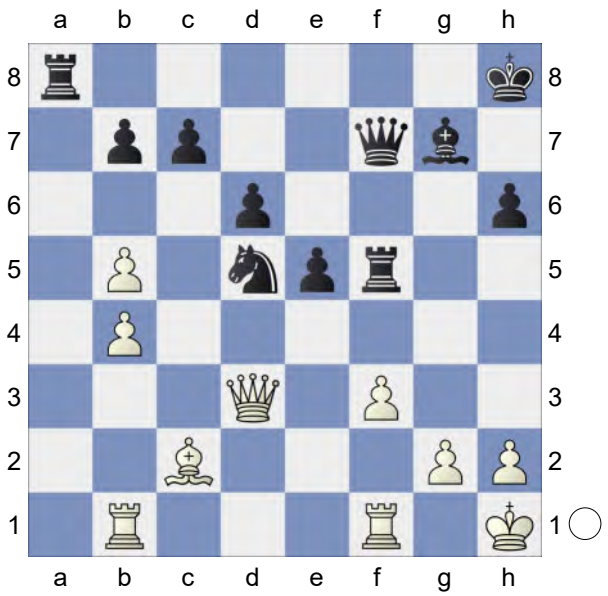
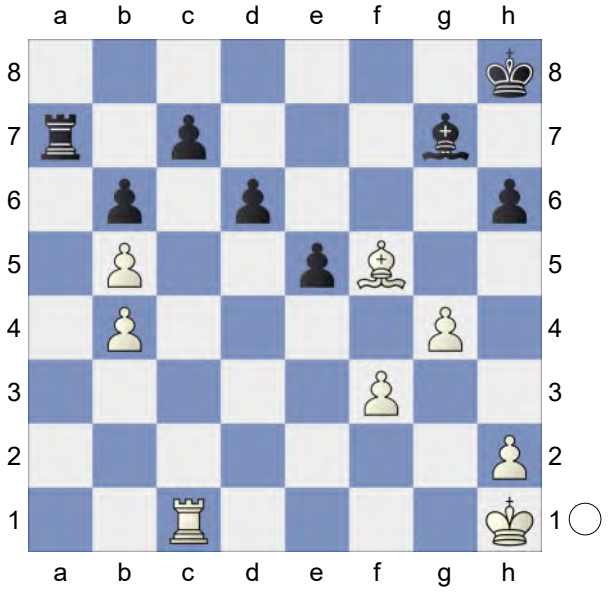


26.Qxf5 11:59 **Qxf5** 2 **27.Bxf5** 6 Be4 is the strong threat. **27...Ne3** 6 **28.g4** 3:42 **Nxf1** 15 The position is equal. **29.Rxf1=** 1 Endgame. KRB-KRB **29...b6** 4:55 **30.Rc1** 45 **Ra7** 48



31.Kg2 48 **Bf6** 34 **32.Be4** 2:14 **Bg5** 1:36 **33.Rc2** 13 **Kg7** 17 **34.Kg3** 9 **Bf4+** 6 **35.Kg2** 3 **Bg5** 5

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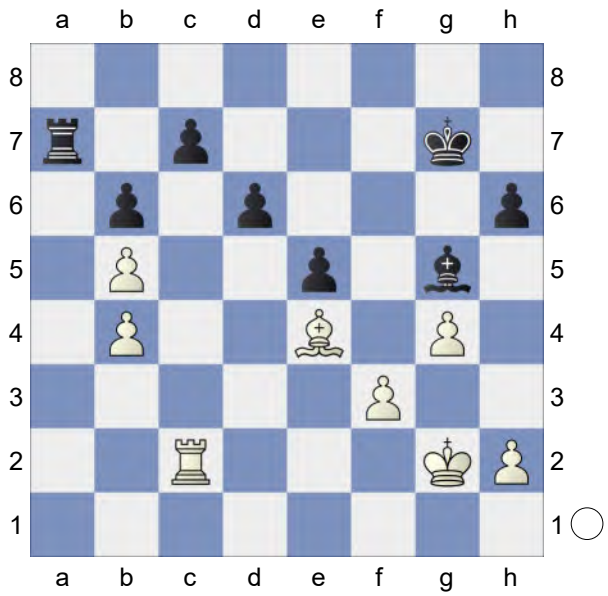
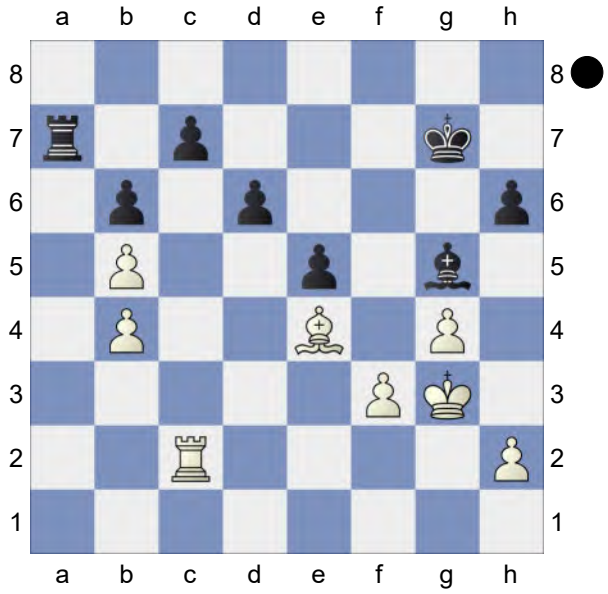


36.Kg3 3 **Bf4+** 6 **37.Kg2** 3 **Bg5** 12 **38.Kg3** 25



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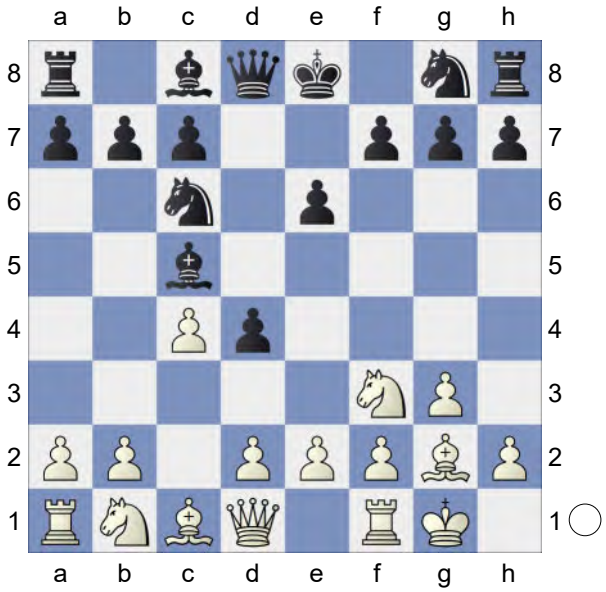
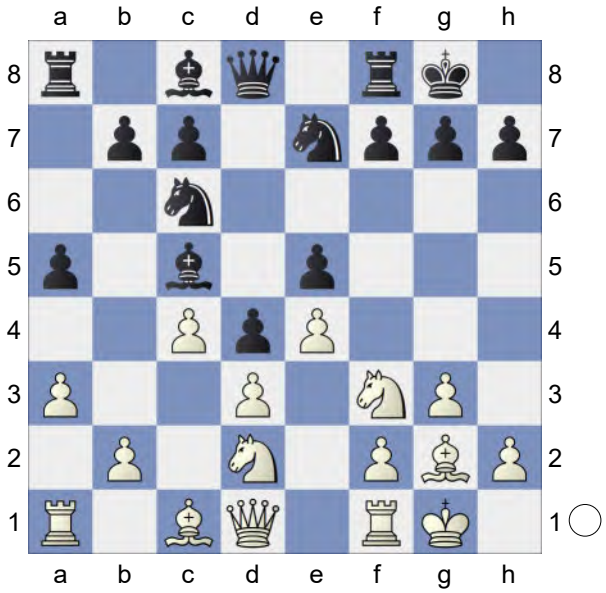
26 **A13**
□ **Assaubayeva,Bibisara** **2492**
■ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2546**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (3.1)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
A13: English Opening: 1...e6 **1.c4** 7 **e6** 24 **2.Nf3** 19 **d5** 25 **3.g3** 15 **d4** 2:34 **4.Bg2** 1:48 **Nc6** 28 **5.0-0** 29 **Bc5** 42



6.e3 1:09
[6.d3 Nf6 7.Nbd2 a5 8.Nb3 Be7 9.e3 dxe3 10.Bxe3 Ng4 11.Bc5 0-0 12.d4 a4 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Nc5 a3 15.bxa3 Rd8 16.Nb3 Nf6 17.Re1 Qxa3 18.Qe2 h6 19.h4 Bd7 20.Ne5 Be8 0-1 Panov Botvinnik Attack (2782)-Molina,R (2855) 17th Corsican Circuit Final Bastia FRA 2013 (9)]
6...Nge7 2:03
[6...Nf6 7.d3 dxe3 8.Bxe3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 0-0 10.d4 Qe7 11.Nc3 Rd8 12.Qe2 Rb8 13.Nd2 e5 14.d5 Bg4 15.Bf3 Bxf3 16.Rxf3 e4 17.Rxf6 Qxf6 18.Ndxe4 Qe5 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.Rf1 h6 21.g4 ½-½ Vaibhav,J (2304)-Mammadzada,G (2421) Qatar Masters Open 2024 Doha QAT (3. 52)]
7.d3 12:06 **0-0** 1:40 **8.e4N** -0.33/19 6:09
[8.exd4= 0.11/20 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Bxd4 10.Nc3]
[8.Na3 dxe3 9.Bxe3 Bxe3 10.fxe3 e5 11.Qe2 e4 12.dxe4 Bg4 13.Rad1 Qc8 14.Qf2 Ng6 15.Rd5 Nce7 16.Rd2 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qe6 18.Rfd1 Ne5 19.Qe2 a6 20.b3 g6 21.Nc2 Rae8 22.Nd4 Qc8 0-1 Schitco,I (2533)-Fus,J (2458) Texas Collegiate Finals Brownsville 2023 (4.2)]
8...e5∓ 5:49 **9.Nbd2** 3:16 **a6** 0.03/21 5:52
[9...Ng6∓ -0.44/19]
10.a3 2:49 **a5** 2:56



11.Ne1 4:16 **a4** 3:38 **12.f4** 11:21 **exf4** 1:37 **13.gxf4** 20 **Ra6** 2:16 **14.Kh1** -0.30/20 3:40
[⌓14.b3 0.11/19 axb3 15.Nxb3]
14...f5 0.25/21 2:58
[⌓14...Ng6 -0.30/20]
15.e5= 3:13 **Qe8** 0.84/20 1:54
[15...Qd7± 0.47/20]

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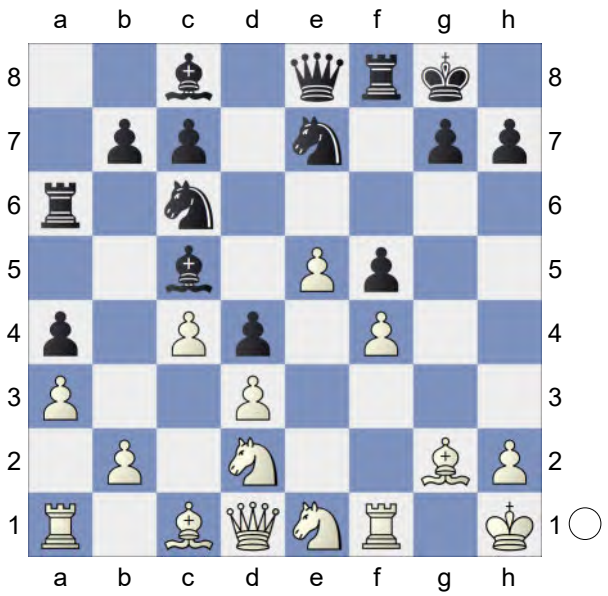
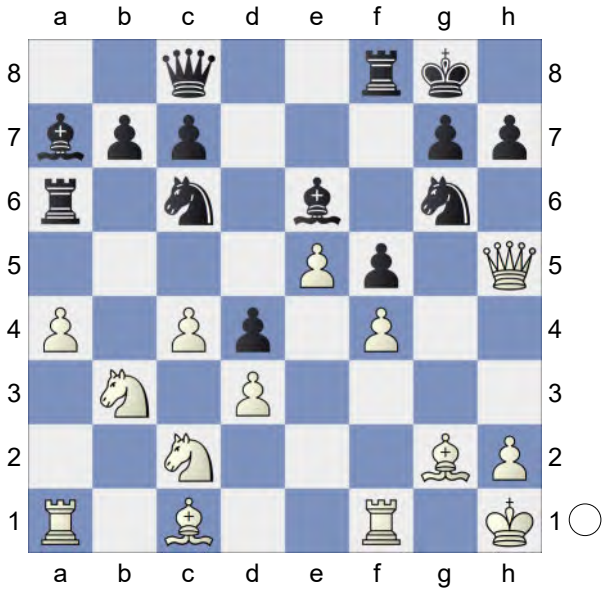
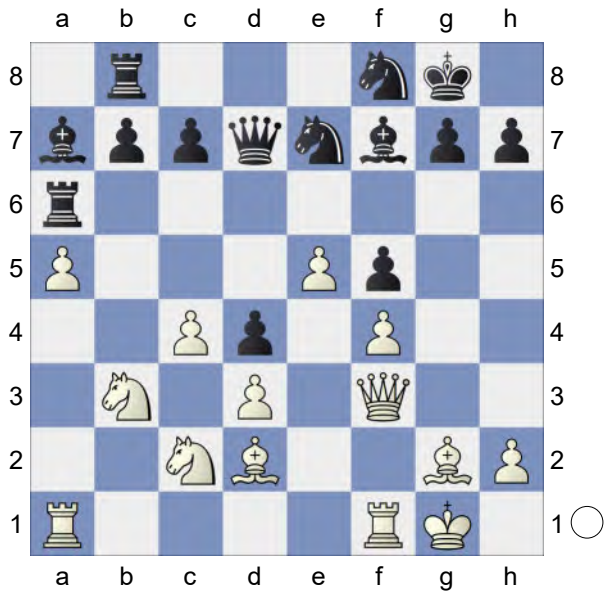


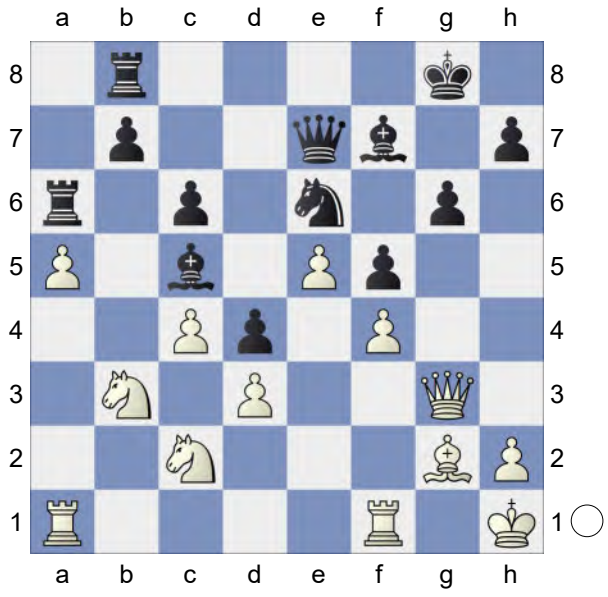
16.b4 0.41/21 4:09
[16.b3± 0.84/20]
16...axb3± 10 **17.Nxb3** 4 **Ba7** 6:10
18.Nc2 6:04 **Ng6** 5:27 **19.Qh5** 6:17
Inhibits Nh4. **19...Be6** 5:14 **20.a4** 6:17
Qc8 1.30/21 5:18
[Black should play 20...Bf7 0.84/20
21.Qh3 *(21.Qxf5? Bxc4∓)* 21...Qd7]



21.Bd2 3:26 **Qd7** 3:15 **22.a5** 2:18 **Rb8** 2:35 **23.Kg1** 0.67/22 12:20
[23.Qg5± 1.20/20]
23...Bf7 2:01 **24.Qh3** 1:45 **Nf8** 1.04/22 1:16
[24...Nge7± 0.67/22]
25.Qf3 0.62/21 1:25
[25.Na3!± 1.04/22]
25...Ne7 3:21

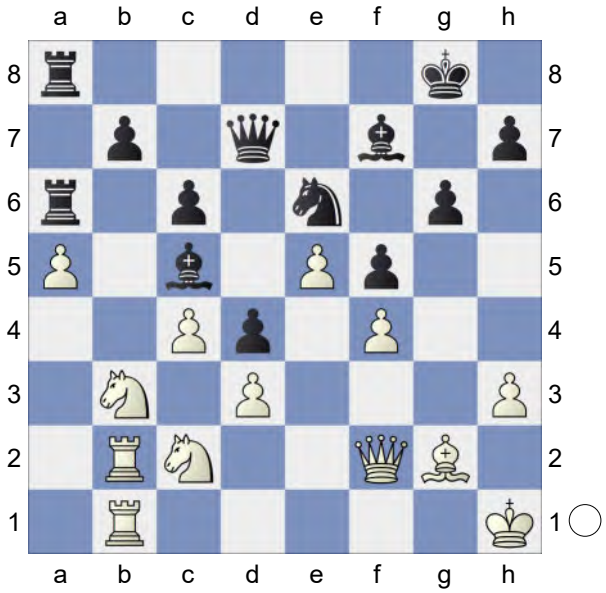


26.Bb4 1:35 **Ne6** 1:24 **27.Bxe7** 17 **Qxe7** 4 **28.Kh1** 43 **c6** 4:53 **29.Qh3** 2:18 **g6** 2:28 **30.Qg3** 10 **Bc5** 2:27



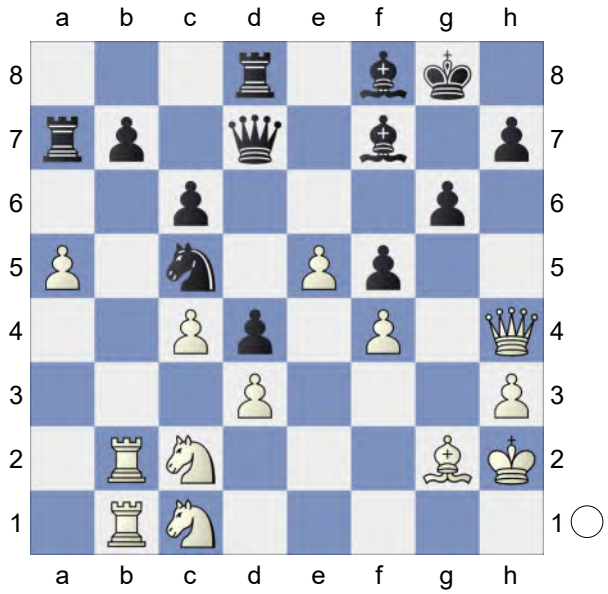
31.Rfb1 1:35 **Rba8** 1:37 **32.Qf2** 27 **R8a7** 2:00 **33.Rb2** 2:58
[33.Nbxd4? Qd7 *(33...Rxa5 34.Rxa5 Rxa5 35.Qd2=)* 34.Ra4 Bxd4-+ *(34...Nxd4? 35.Nxd4 Qxd4*

36.Qxd4-+)]
33...Qd8 3:11 **34.Rab1** 54 **Qd7** 6:23
35.h3 39 **Ra8** 4:18

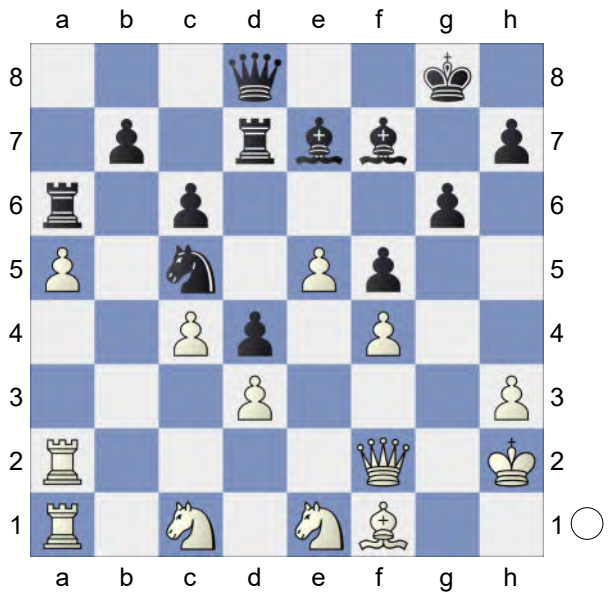


36.Kh2 34 **Rd8** 43 **37.Nc1** 44 **Ra7** 48
38.Qh4 -0.39/21 36
[38.a6= -0.01/21 might be stronger. bxa6 *(38...Rxa6 39.Rxb7 Qc8 40.h4=)* 39.Nb3]
38...Be7 43 **39.Qg3** 20 **Bf8** 0 **40.Qh4** -0.96/21 0
[40.Nb3∓ -0.38/20]
40...Nc5 0
[40...Rxa5?! 41.Rxb7 Qe8 42.R1b6=]

(Diagram)

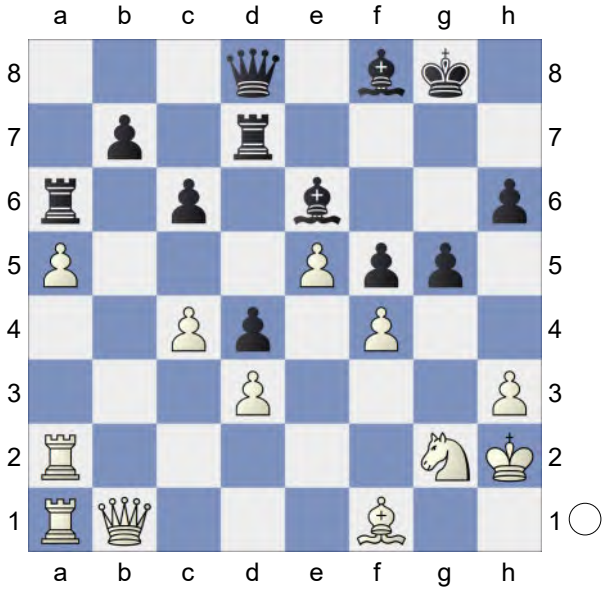


41.Ra1 5:09 **Qc7** 5:57 **42.Rba2** 1:34
Rd7 -0.33/20 4:50
[42...Ne6!∓ -1.05/21 Strongly threatening ...g5! 43.Ne1 Be7]
43.Bf1 -1.04/22 3:13
[43.Qg3∓ -0.33/20]
43...Be7 -0.40/23 2:34
[43...Ne6∓ -1.04/22 White must now prevent ...h6. 44.Ne1 g5 Deflection 45.fxg5 Qxe5+ 46.Kh1 Bb4]
44.Qf2∓ 1:58 **Qd8** 35 **45.Ne1** 37 **Ra6** 10:22



46.Qb2 -1.25/21 4:11

[Better is 46.Bg2∓ -0.59/19]
46...Bf8 1:37 **47.Ng2** -1.32/21 49
[⌓47.Qf2 -0.90/20]
47...h6 1:42 Black has more active pieces. **48.Nb3** 1:52 **Nxb3** 1:25 **49.Qxb3** 3 **Be6** 16 **50.Qb1** 3:21 **g5** 2:43



51.Rb2 -1.39/22 1:02
[White should try 51.Be2 -0.78/20]
51...Qc7 -0.69/22 27
[51...Rxa5∓ -1.39/22 52.Rba2 Rxa2 53.Rxa2 Re7]
52.Qe1 1:08 **Bg7** -0.27/21 1:06
[52...Rg7∓ -0.71/20]
53.Kh1 29 **Re7** 38 **54.Qg3** -0.89/20 3:24
[54.Qd2= -0.24/23 keeps the balance.]
54...Rxa5∓ 2:29 White is on the road to losing. **55.Rab1** -1.31/22 1:52
[⌓55.Rxa5 -0.85/23 Qxa5 56.Re2]
55...Bc8 47

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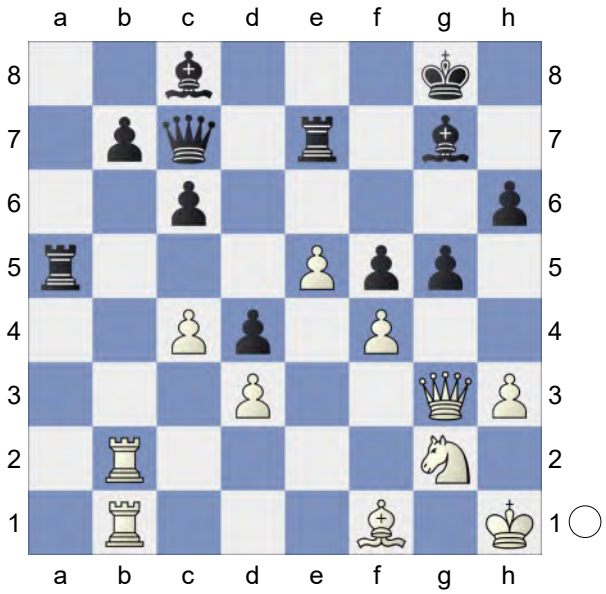
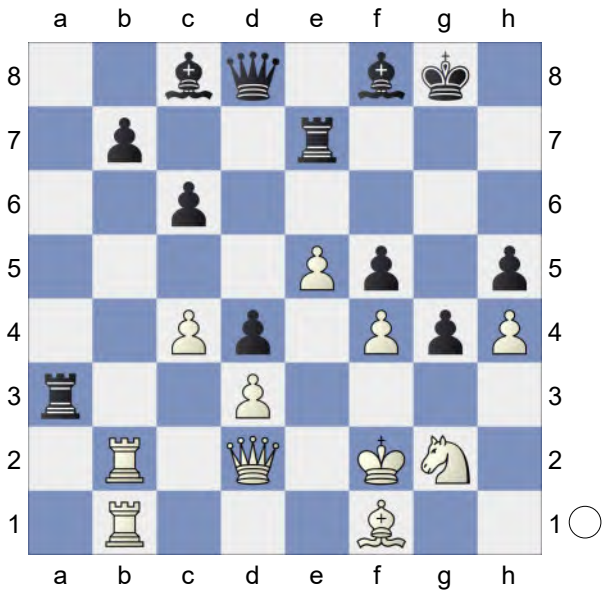


56.h4 2:07 **g4** 3:09 **57.Qf2** -1.86/23 27
[57.h5∓ -1.08/22 keeps fighting.]
57...Qd8-+ 23 **58.Kg1** 52 **h5** 14 **59.Qd2** 47 **Bf8** 31 **60.Kf2** 1:24 **Ra3** 46



61.Ra2 1:31 **Rxa2** 1:10 **62.Qxa2** 5 **Rg7** 1:06 **63.Kg3** 12 **Bc5** 50 Repels Qa7 **64.Qa8** 38 **Qc7** 19 **65.Be2** 30 **Kh7** 49

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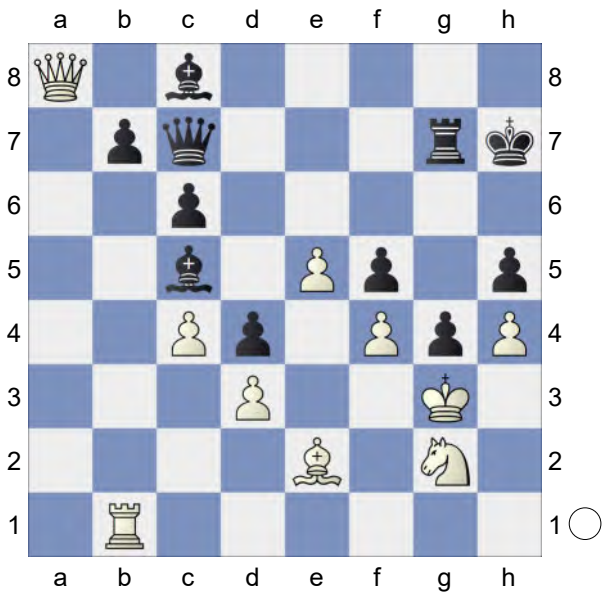
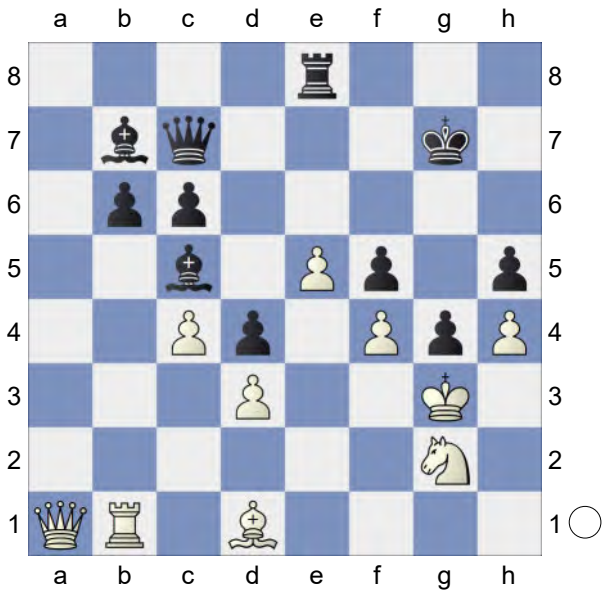


66.Bd1 32 **Re7** 1:04 **67.Bb3** 2:09 **Kg7** 22 **68.Bc2** 22 **b6** 1:19 **69.Bd1** 44 **Bb7** 43 **70.Qa1** 22 **Re8** 23



71.Qb2 27 **Ra8** 29 **72.Ra1** 21 **Rxa1** 1:15 **73.Qxa1** 1 **Kf8** 13 **74.Ne1** -3.03/23 2:57

[⌓74.Qa7 -1.78/24]

74...Be7 -1.61/23 1:22

[⌓74...Bb4 -3.03/23 75.Ba4 b5]

75.Qxd4? -3.12/25 41

[75.Qa7 -1.61/23]

75...c5 11

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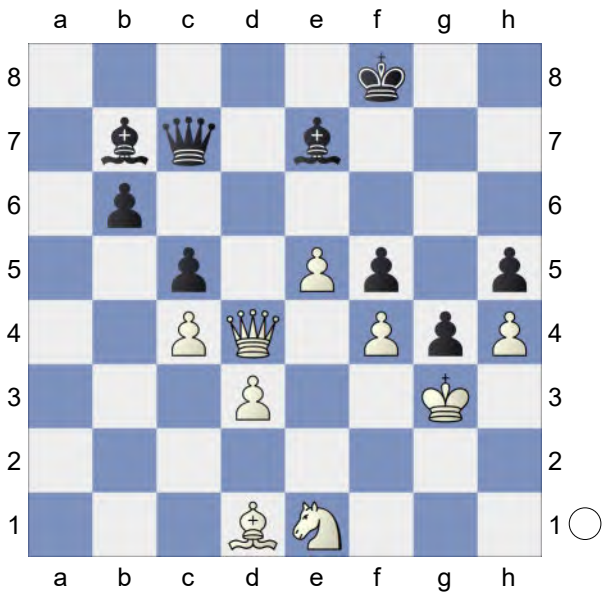


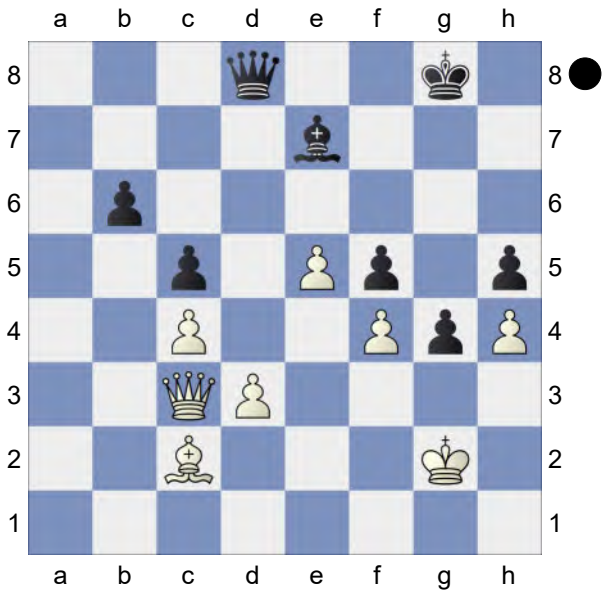
76.Qc3? -7.52/24 26

[76.Qe3 -3.06/25]

76...Qd8? -2.29/23 57

[76...Qc6 -7.52/24 (→ ...Qh1) 77.e6 Kg8 *(77...Qxe6? 78.Qh8+ Kf7 79.Qh7+ Ke8 80.Qxh5+ Kd7 81.Ng2-+)*]

77.Ng2 1 **Kg8** 1:13 **78.Bc2** 43 **Bxg2!** 29 **79.Kxg2** 1 Endgame.

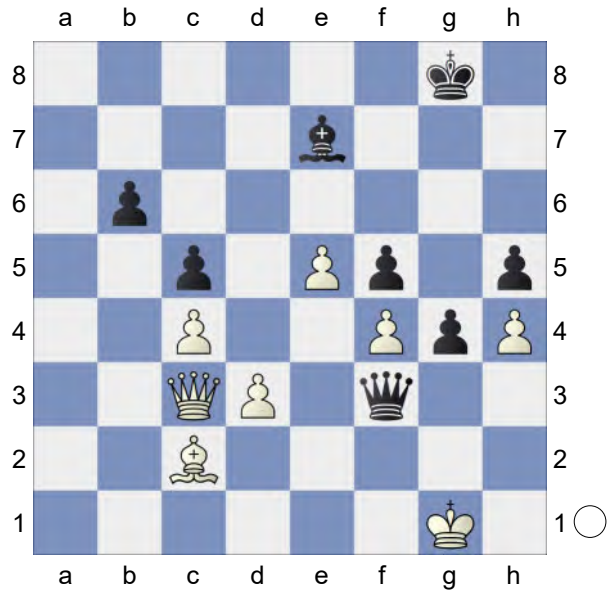


KQB-KQB **79...Qa8+!** 13

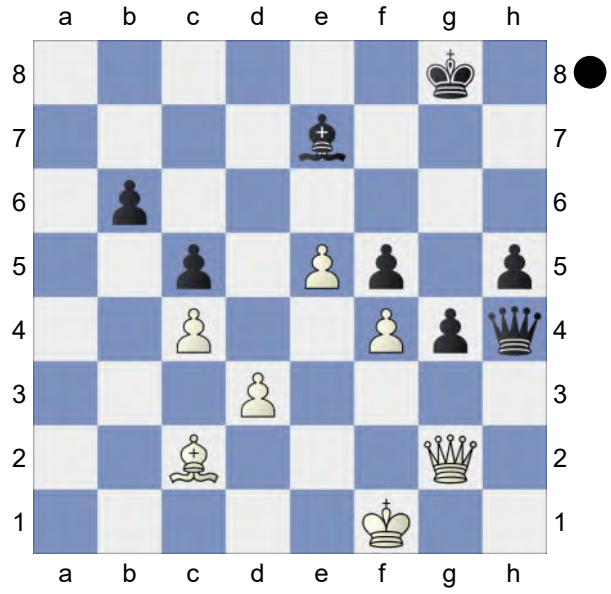
[Weaker is 79...Bxh4 80.Qa1∓]

80.Kg1 32 **Qf3** 13

[Don't play 80...Bxh4 81.d4]

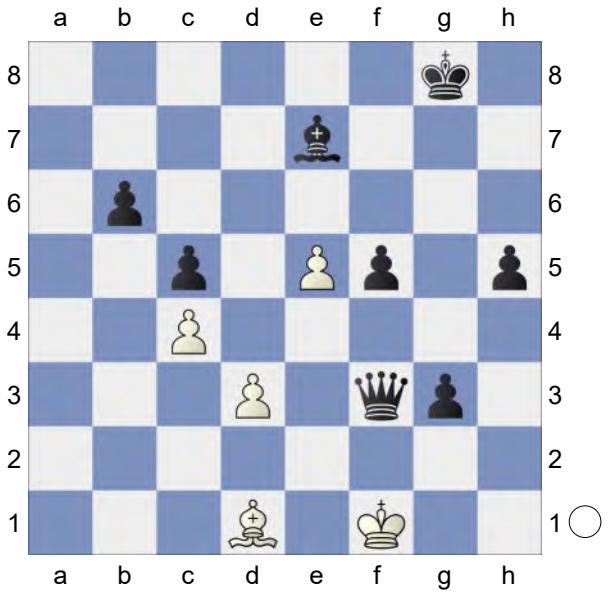


81.Qd2 46 Against Qe3+ **81...Qg3+** 45 **82.Kf1** 3 **Qxh4** 38 **83.Qg2** 39

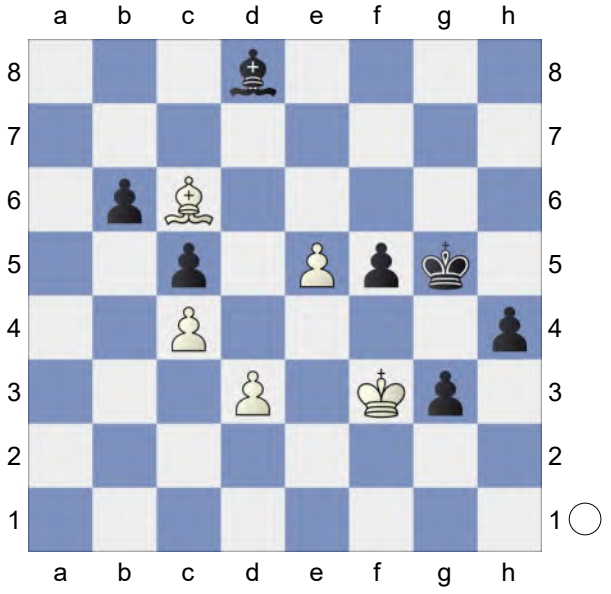


Against Qh1+ **83...g3!** 18 **84.Bd1** -2.81/21 1:25
[⌓84.Qf3 -1.76/24]
84...Qxf4+ 21 **85.Qf3** 5 **Qxf3+** 1:10
[But not 85...Qxe5 86.Qxh5 Kg7 87.Kg2-+]

(Diagram)

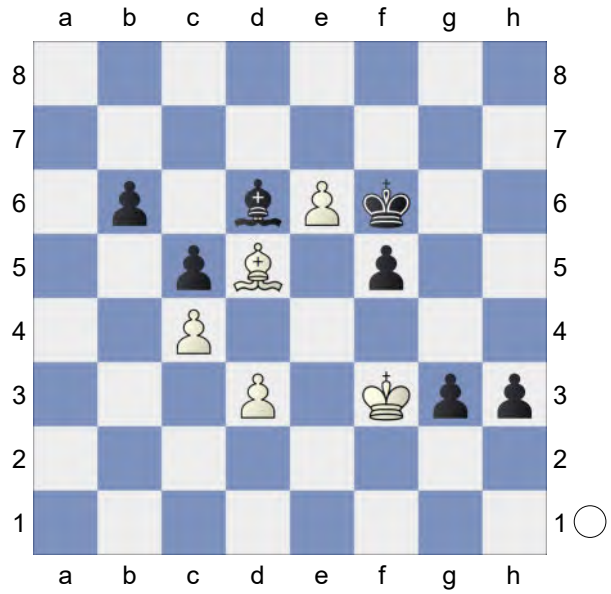


86.Bxf3 2 KB-KB **86...h4** 5 Threatens to win with ...h3. **87.Kg2** 1:18 **Kg7** 1
88.Bd5? -6.43/34 33
[88.Bh5 -2.82/29]
88...Kg6 19 Black is clearly winning.
89.Kf3 8 **Kg5** 21 **90.Bc6** 46 **Bd8** 17



91.Bd7 -8.14/32 48
[⌓91.Bd5 -4.81/29]
91...Bc7 31 **92.e6** 7 aiming for e7.
92...Bd6 5 **93.Bc6** 26 **Kf6** 18 **94.Bd5** -15.79/23 18
[⌓94.e7 -5.15/26 Bxe7 *(94...Kxe7? 95.Kg2-+)* 95.Kg2]

94...h3 17



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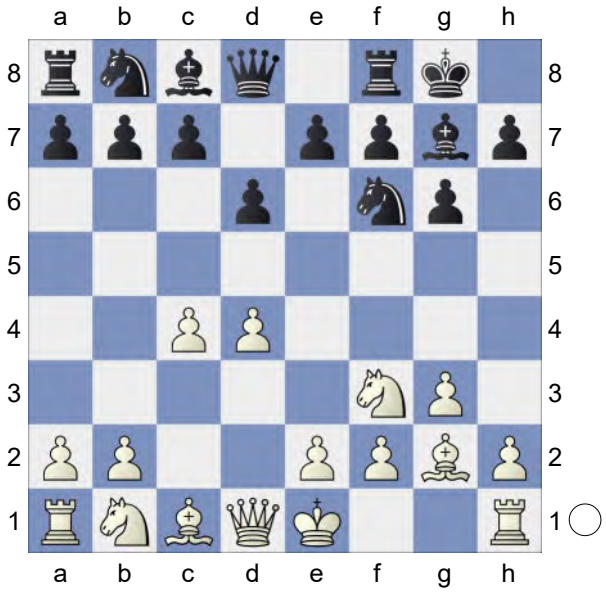
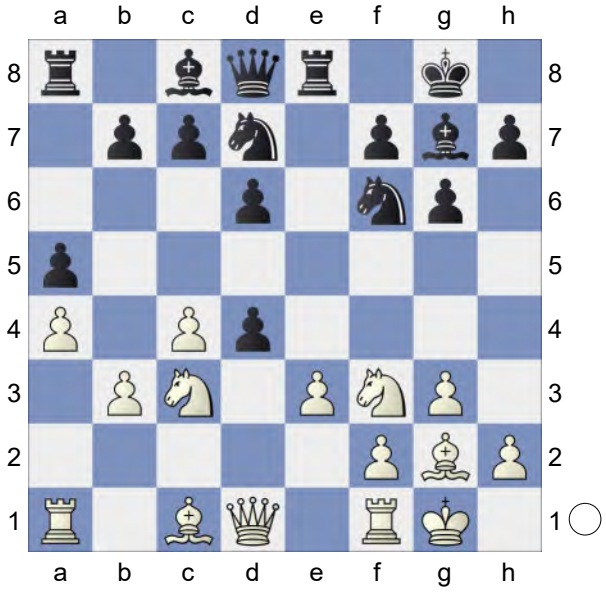
27 **E67**
□ **Dronavalli,Harika** **2489**
■ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2515**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (3.2)
[Kitty Kat]

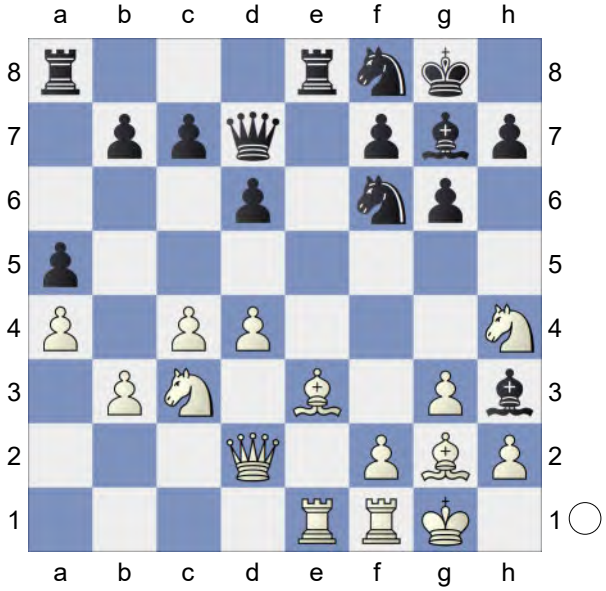
Blitz 1min
E67: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...Nbd7
1.Nf3 4 **Nf6** 16 **2.g3** 12 **g6** 12 **3.Bg2** 9 **Bg7** 4 **4.c4** 59 **0-0** 1:23 **5.d4** 1:44 **d6** 26



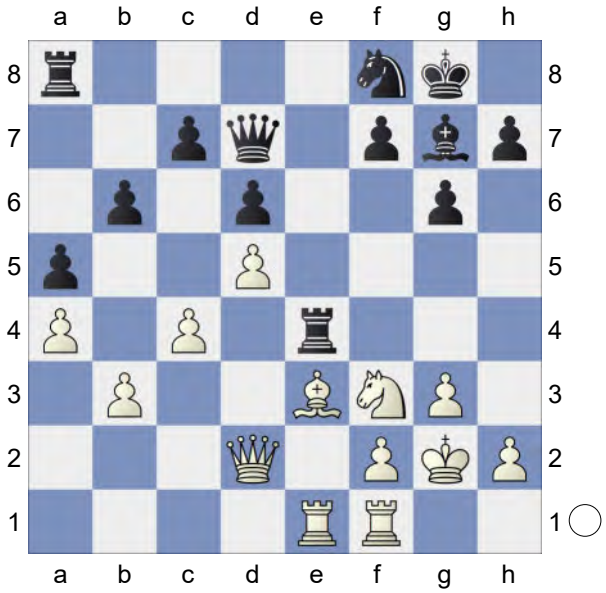
6.Nc3 47 **Nbd7** 1:22 **7.0-0** 41 **e5** 14
[7...c5 8.dxc5 *(8.e3 a6 9.b3 Rb8 10.a4 b6 11.Bb2 Bb7 12.Qc2 Ne8 13.Rad1 Nc7 14.Rfe1 Ba8 15.d5 b5 16.e4 bxc4 17.bxc4 Nb6 18.Bf1 a5 19.e5 Bb7 20.Nb5 Nxb5 21.axb5 Bc8 22.exd6 exd6* 0-1 Spik,P (1977)-Zeman,S (1821) SVK-chT2B 2425 Slovakia 2024 (3.7)*)* 8...Nxc5 9.Nd4 Rb8 10.b4 Ne6 11.Nc2 Qc7 12.Qd3 Bd7 13.Bb2 Bc6 14.e4 a6 15.Ne3 Qd8 16.Rab1 Nc7 17.b5 Bd7 18.a4 Ne6 19.Ba3 Re8 20.Rfd1 Qc8 21.f4 Nc5 22.Qc2 ½-½ Gallego Jimenez,V (2361)-Matamoros Franco,C (2473) ESP-chT1 Mondariz 2002 (3)]
8.e3N 5:58
[8.b3 Re8 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Bb2 e4 11.Ne1 Ng4 12.Qc1 Ndf6 E 67/02 Chess Informant ECO E4 Survey 2008]
8...Re8 9:02 **9.a4** 3:26 **a5** 17:50 **10.b3** 3:23 **exd4** 2:36



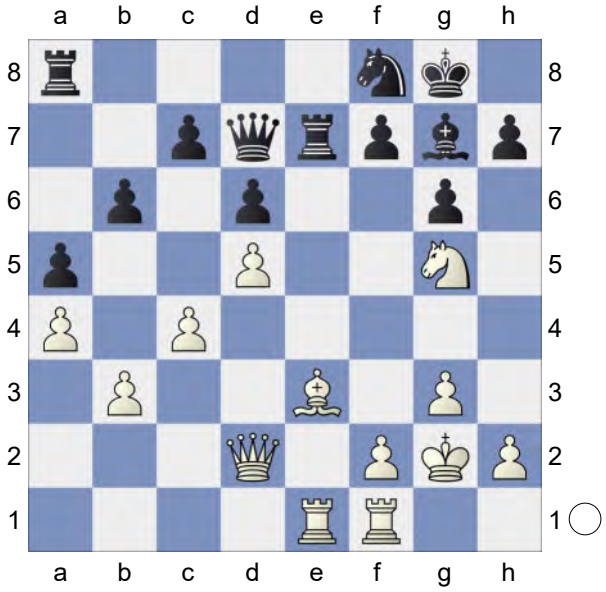
11.exd4 19 **Nf8** 10:07 **12.Be3** 5:40 **Bf5** 6:20 **13.Nh4** 3:43 And now Nxf5! would win. **13...Bg4** 17 **14.Qd2** 3:41 **Qd7** 1:06 **15.Rae1** 5:41
[Much weaker is 15.Bxb7 Rab8 16.Bg2 Rxb3]
15...Bh3 2:58



16.d5 7:37 **Bxg2** 4:30 **17.Kxg2** 15 **Ne4** 36 **18.Nxe4** 27 **Rxe4** 3 **19.Nf3** 11:59 **b6** 37

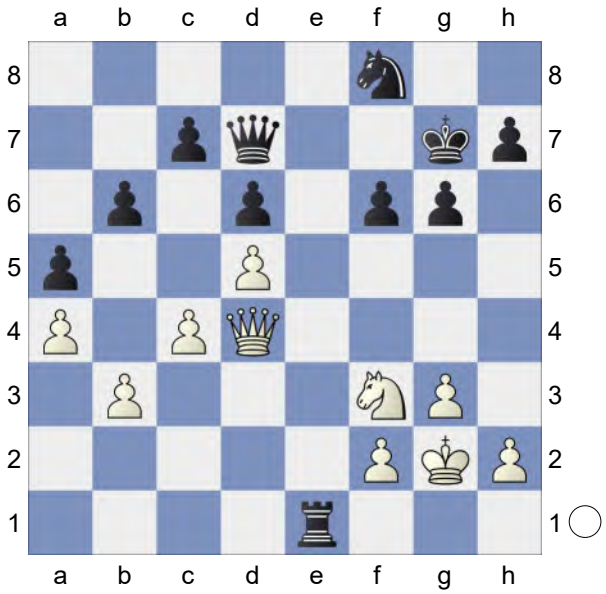


20.Ng5 0.52/24 3:37
[20.Nd4!± 0.94/24]
20...Re7± 1:22

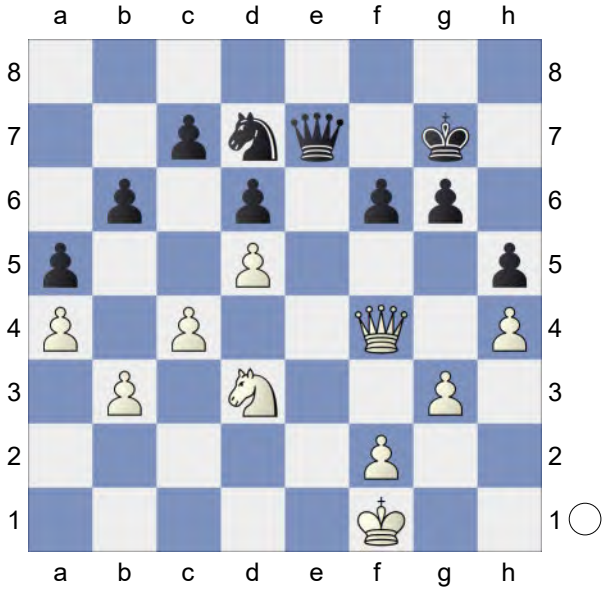


21.Bd4 1:33 **Rae8** 8:24 **22.Bxg7** 1:16
[22.Nf3 simplifies Rxe1 23.Rxe1 Rxe1 24.Qxe1 Qd8 25.Be3]
22...Kxg7 15 **23.Qd4+** 1:20 The position is equal. **23...f6** 18 **24.Nf3** 1:03
[24.Rxe7+ simplifies Qxe7 25.Rc1 Kg8 26.Nf3]

24...Rxe1 2:35 **25.Rxe1** 4 **Rxe1** 4



26.Nxe1= 9 Endgame. KQN-KQN
26...Qe7 40 Inhibits Qe4. **27.Nd3** 4:12 **Nd7** 19 **28.h4** 2:18 **Kf7** 5:49 **29.Kf1** 2:21 **h5** 10:02 **30.Qf4** 2:40 **Kg7** 50



31.Qd4 31 **Kf7** 4 **32.Qf4** 13 **Kg7** 3 **33.Qd4** 10 **Kf7** 4 **34.Qf4** 5 **Kg7** 22

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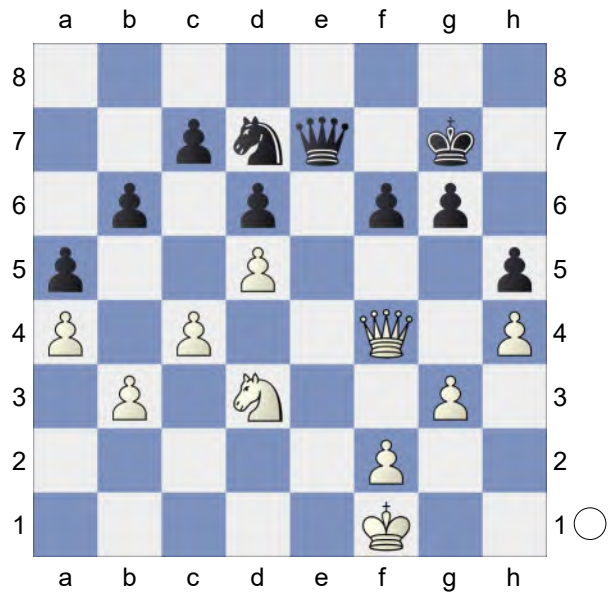

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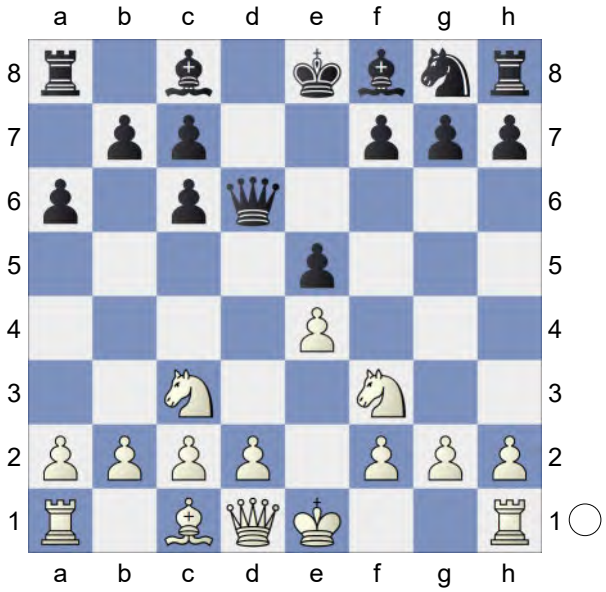
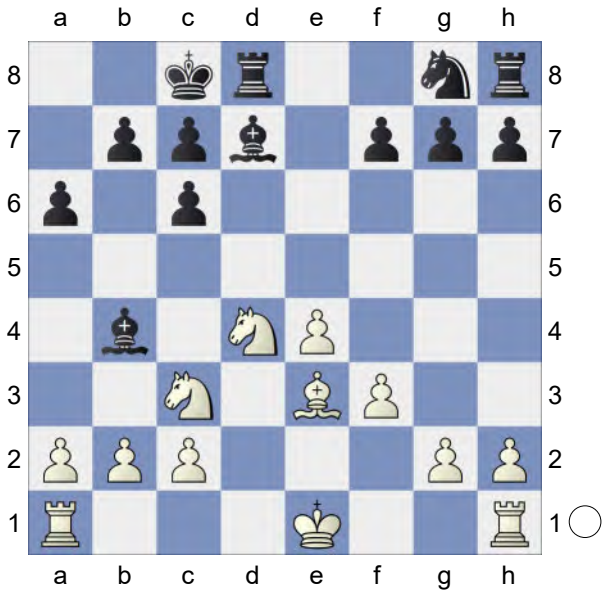
28 **C68**
□ **Paehtz,Elisabeth** **2427**
■ **Khademalsharieh,Sarasadat** **2458**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (3.3)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
C68: Ruy Lopez: Exchange Variation, sidelines **1.e4** 3 **e5** 14 **2.Nf3** 5 **Nc6** 8 **3.Bb5** 5 **a6** 23 **4.Bxc6** 4 **dxc6** 8 **5.Nc3** 5 **Qd6** 2:29

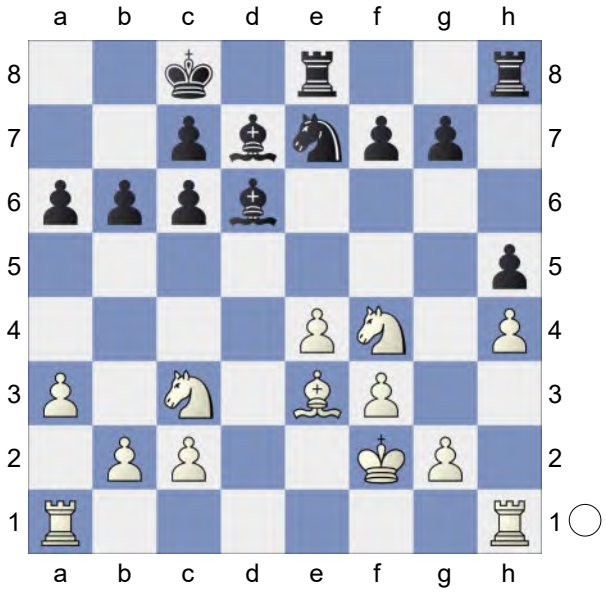


6.d4 8 **exd4** 6 **7.Qxd4** 6 **Qxd4** 1:06 **8.Nxd4** 5 **Bd7** 15 **9.f3** 2:33 **0-0-0** 1:10 **10.Be3** 4 **Bb4N** 3:56
[10...Ne7 11.0-0-0 c5 12.Nb3 b6 13.Nd2 Nc6 14.a3 f5 15.Nc4 fxe4 16.Nxe4 h6 17.Bf4 g5 18.Be5 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Be6 20.h4 gxh4 21.Rxh4 Rxd1+ 22.Kxd1 Bg7 23.Ng6 Rd8+ 24.Kc1 Bc4 25.Nxc5 Buck-N,N Be2 26.Nd3 Bxd3 27.cxd3 Rxd3 28.Kc2 Re3 29.Re4 Rxe4 30.fxe4 Kd7 31.b3 Ke6 32.Kd3 Be5 33.Nh4 b5 34.a4 c6 35.g4 c5 36.Nf5 Bf4 37.Nh4 Bg5 White-N,N]

(Diagram)

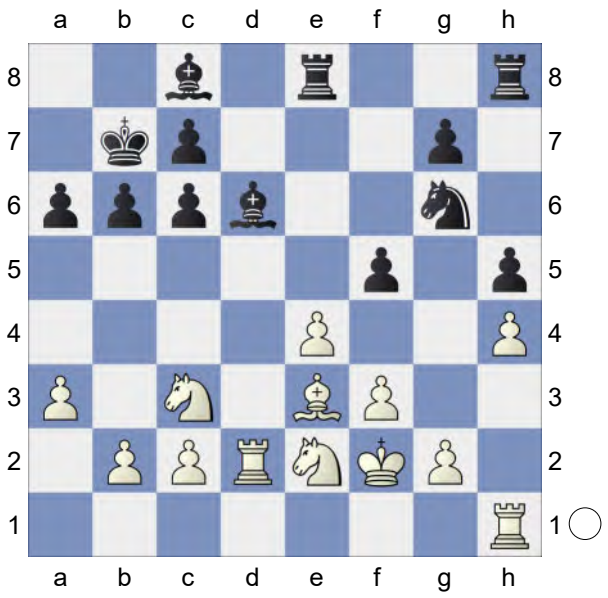


11.Nde2 3:44 **h5** 6:03 **12.h4** 1:32 **Ne7** 8:18 **13.a3** 15:38 **Bd6** 46 **14.Nf4** 1:07 **Rde8** 10:29 **15.Kf2** 7:31 **b6** 9:27

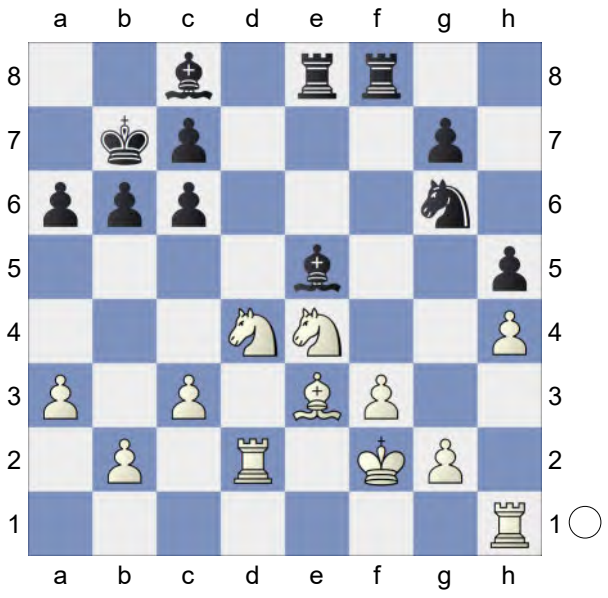


16.Rad1 2:42 **f6** 5:21 **17.Rd2** 12:52 **Kb7** 5:27 **18.Rhd1** 7:32 **Bc8** 4:14 **19.Nfe2** -0.32/20 10:41
[19.Rxd6= 0.13/21 cxd6 20.Rxd6]
19...Ng6∓ 29 **20.Rh1** 53 **f5** 3:13

(Diagram)



21.exf5 1:15 **Bxf5** 18 **22.Nd4** 41 **Bc8** 1:10 **23.Ne4** 5:40 **Be5** 1:50 **24.c3** 4:45 **Rhf8** 1:17



Hoping for ...Bxd4. **25.Ne2** 1:55 **c5** 3:16

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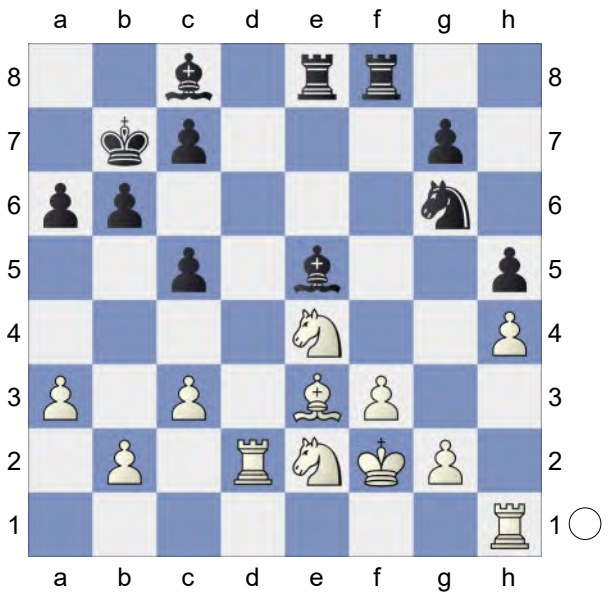
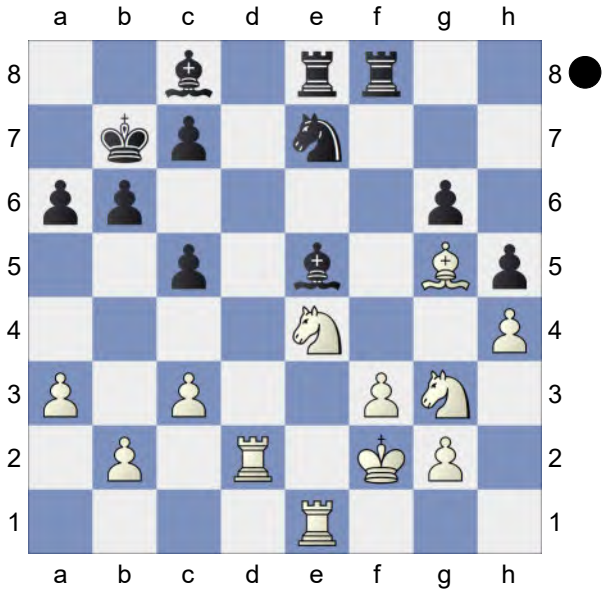


26.Bg5 6:44 **Ne7** 8:28 **27.N2g3** 46 **g6** 15 **28.Re1** 1:07



Nxc5+! is the strong threat. **28...Nc6** 3:49 **29.Rde2** 1:03 **Bd7** 7:12 **30.Nf6** 8:34 **Bxf6** 36

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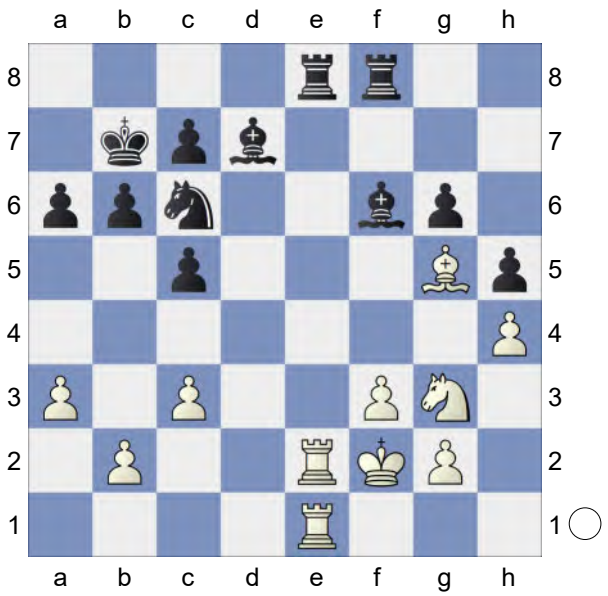
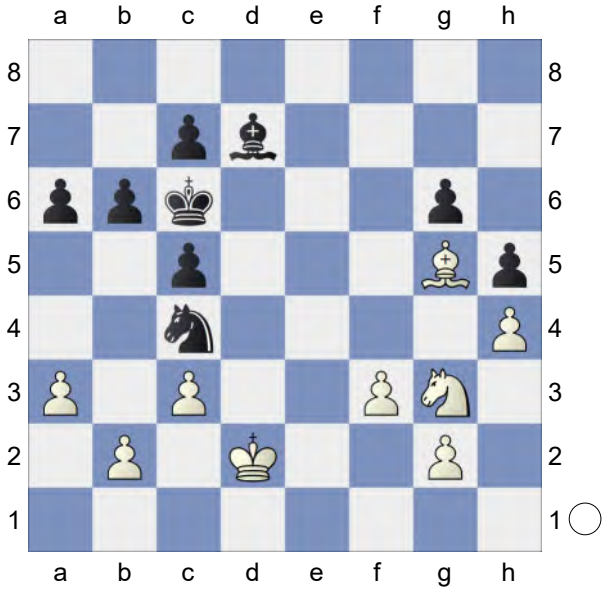
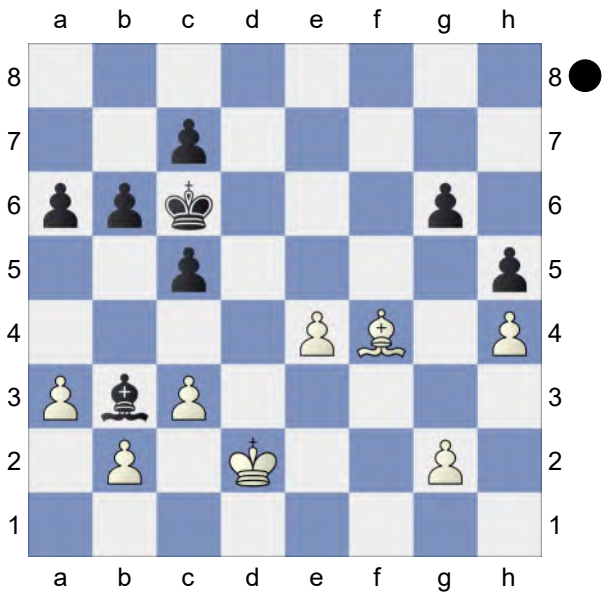


A strong pair of Bishops. **31.Rxe8** 5 **Rxe8** 17 **32.Bxf6** 4 **Rxe1** 39 **33.Kxe1=** 3 Endgame. KBN-KBN **33...Na5** 7 **34.Bg5** -0.39/24 6
[34.Kd2= -0.01/26 should be considered.]
34...Kc6 53 **35.Kd2** 1:56 **Nc4+** 18



36.Kc1 17 **Nd6** 10 **37.Ne4** 1:30
The position is equal. **37...Nxe4** 4 **38.fxe4** 2 **Be6** 35 **39.Bf4** 23 **Bb3** 5 **40.Kd2** 0

(Diagram)



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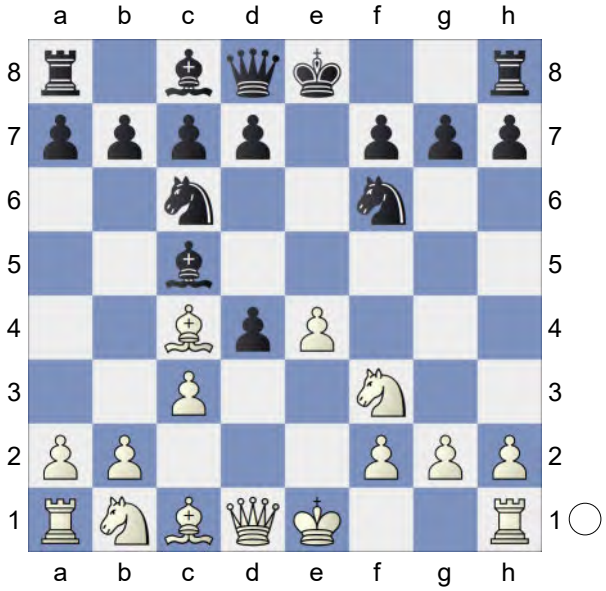
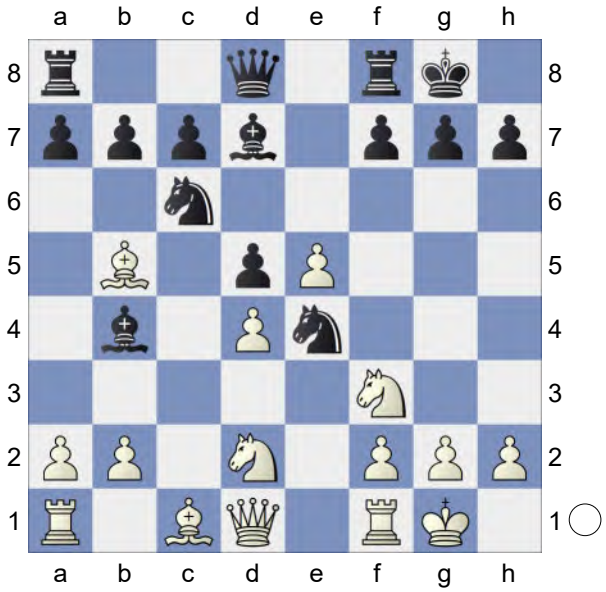
29 **C54**
□ **Munguntuul,Batkhuyag** **2331**
■ **Koneru,Humpy** **2523**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (3.4)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4** 30 **e5** 13 **2.Nf3** 0 **Nc6** 11 **3.Bc4** 0 **Bc5** 1:19 **4.c3** 5 **Nf6** 35 **5.d4** 25
[5.d3 d6 6.Nbd2 Bb6 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 h6 9.Re1 Re8 10.Bb3 Ne7 11.Nf1 Ng6 12.Ng3 c6 13.d4 Be6 14.Bc2 Bc7 15.a4 a5 16.b3 d5 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Bxg6 fxg6 19.dxe5 Rf8 1-0 Dominguez Perez,L (2741)-Liang,A (2687) Wch Blitz New York 2024 (7)]
5...exd4 35



6.e5N 12
[6.0-0 dxc3 7.Nxc3 0-0 8.Bg5 d6 9.Re1 Re8 10.h3 h6 11.Bh4 a6 12.Nd5 Re6 13.Nxc7 Qxc7 14.Bxe6 Bxe6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qd2 Bb4 17.Qxh6 Bxe1 18.Rxe1 Qe7 19.Qh4 Nb4 20.e5 Nc2 1-0 4.♘g5 ♗c5 / 4...d5 5.ed5 d-Mecking 31/643 London 1980 (11) 21.Re2 Rc8 22.exf6 Qf8 23.Qg5+ Kh8 24.Qh5+ Kg8 25.Ng5 Bf5 26.Nxf7 Bh7 27.Qg5+ Kxf7 28.Re7+ Qxe7 29.fxe7 Nd4 30.Qd5+ Ne6 31.Qxb7 Rc1+ 32.Kh2 Bg6 33.Qd7 Kf6 34.Qxd6 a5 35.f4 Bh5 1-0 Snijders,P-Wigboldus,D Hengelo U12 op 2002 (11)]
6...d5 43 **7.Bb5** 13 **Ne4** 30 **8.cxd4** 12 **Bb4+** 1:18 **9.Nbd2** 1:18 **0-0** 16:56 **10.0-0** 3:15 **Bd7** 2:51



11.Bd3 5:16 **Nxd2** 1:36 **12.Bxd2** 18 **Bxd2** 42 **13.Qxd2** 7 **Bg4** 9:34 **14.Be2** 16:36 **f6** 1:00 **15.Rad1** 8:03 **Qd7** 7:52

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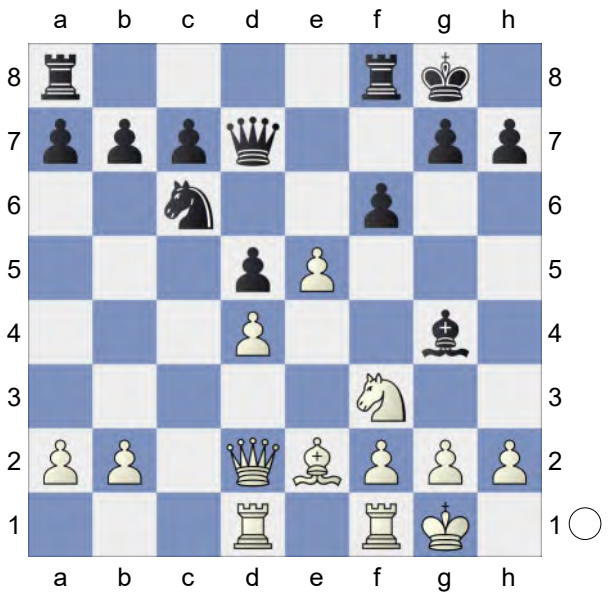
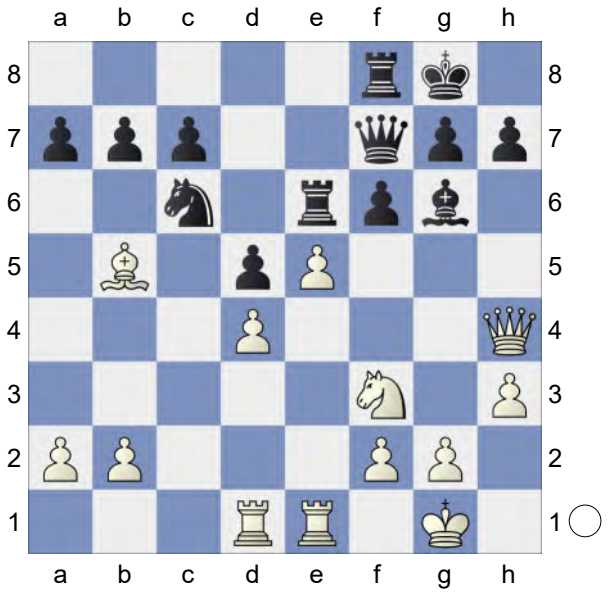


16.h3 9:20 **Bh5** 4:54 White is slightly better. **17.Rfe1** 12:13 **Qf7** 6:04 **18.Qf4** 7:30 **Rae8** 4:40 **19.Qh4** 3:02 **Bg6** 0.61/22 10:29

[19...Re6= 0.17/23 might be stronger.]

20.Bb5± 8:43 **Re6** 1:01



21.exf6 2:21 White is more active. **21...Rxe1+** 1:05 **22.Rxe1** 8

[Much worse is 22.Nxe1?! Qxf6 23.Qxf6 Rxf6=]

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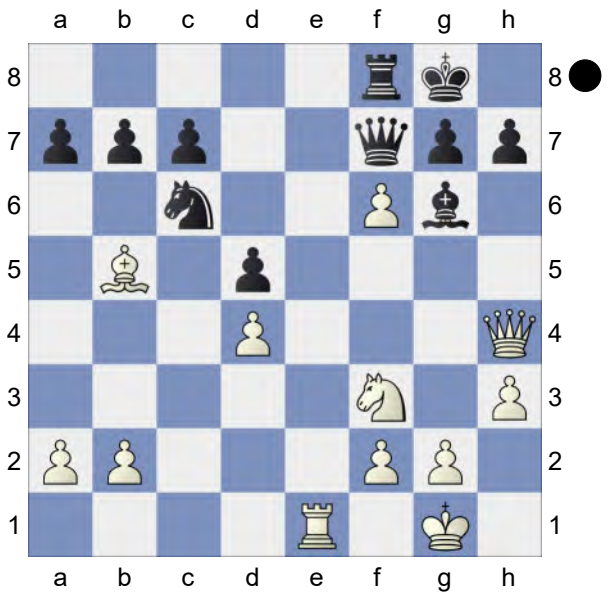


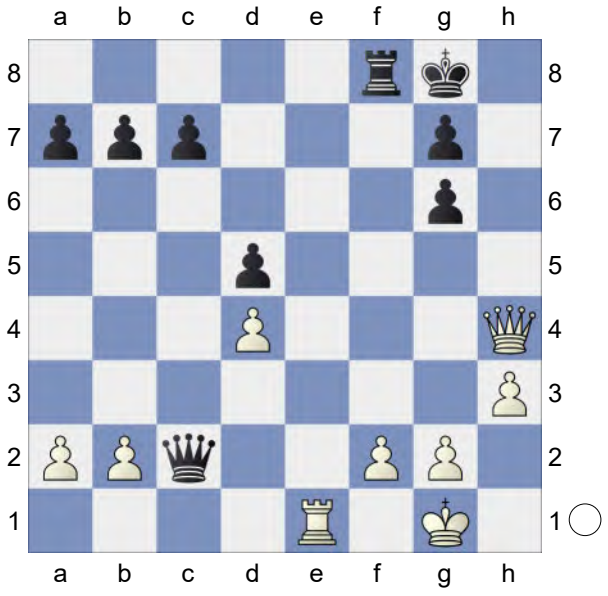
Bxc6 would now be deadly. **22...Qxf6** 21 **23.Bxc6** 2:15 **Qxc6** 30 **24.Ne5** 0.21/22 4:43

[24.Re7± 0.59/21]

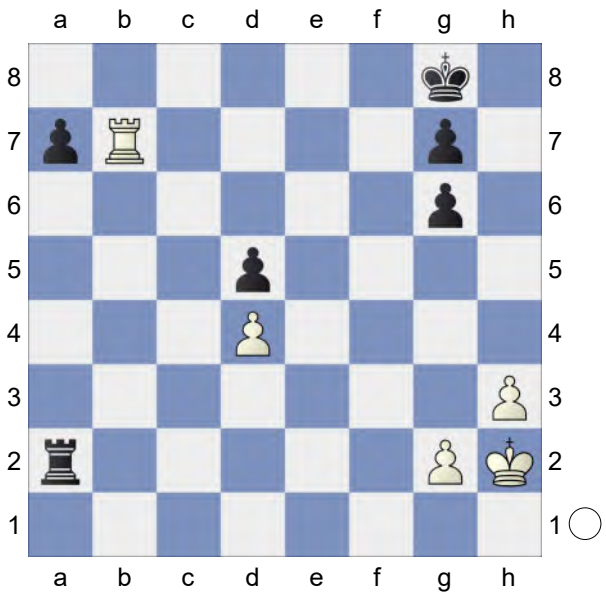
24...Qc2= 7:25 The position is equal. **25.Nxg6** 3:54

[25.Nd7 simplifies Re8 26.Rxe8+ Bxe8 27.Kh2]

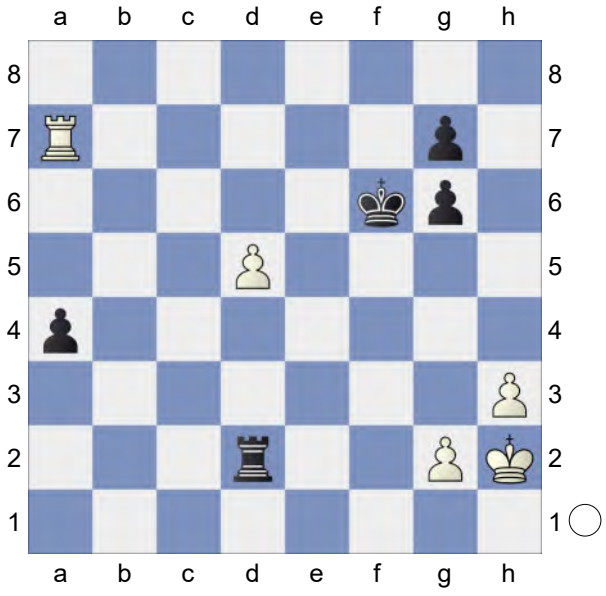
25...hxg6 1:04



Endgame. KQR-KQR **26.Re7** 1:23 **Qc1+** 1:36 **27.Kh2** 2 **Qxb2** 10 **28.Rxc7** 41 **Qxf2** 47 **29.Qxf2** 52 **Rxf2** 5 **30.Rxb7** 7 **Rxa2** 13



KR-KR **31.Rb5** 9 **Kf7** 3:26 **32.Rxd5** 18 **a5** 8 **33.Rd7+** 1:26 **Kf6** 10 **34.Ra7** 5:21 **a4** 21 **35.d5** 31 **Rd2** 1:38



36.Rxa4 5 **Rxd5** 4 **37.Ra6+** 15 **Kg5** 25 **38.Ra7** 5 **Kf6** 5 **39.Ra6+** 6 **Kg5** 4 **40.Ra7** 0 **Kf6** 0

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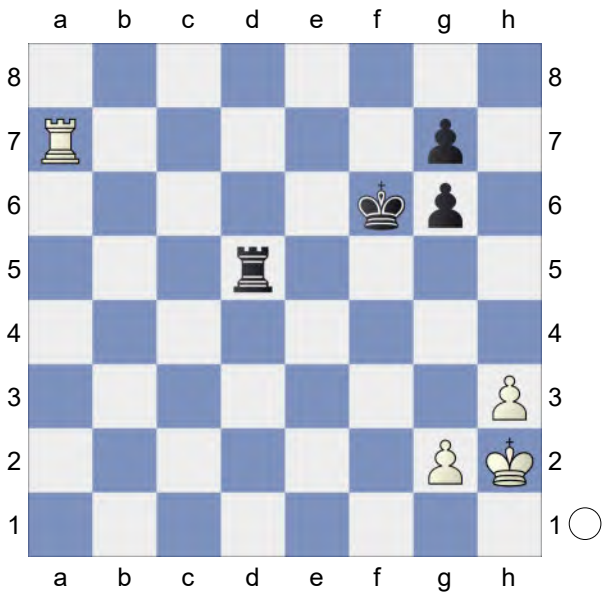

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30 **D90**
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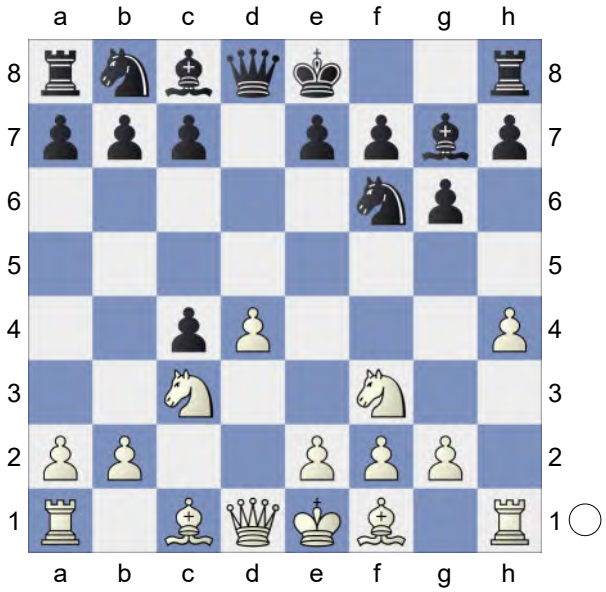
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
D90: Grünfeld: 4 Nf3 Bg7 sidelines **1.d4** 4 **Nf6** 1:10 **2.c4** 7 **g6** 1:49 **3.Nc3** 9 **d5** 19 **4.Nf3** 19 **Bg7** 6 **5.h4** 2:57 **dxc4** 3:20



6.e4 7:49 **c5** 1:46 **7.d5** 9:24 **Bg4N** 0.29/20 7:59
[7...b5! -0.14/20 deserves consideration. 8.h5 0-0 *(8...Nxh5 9.Nxb5 0-0 10.Bxc4 Bg4 11.Be2 Nd7 12.Qc2 Qb8 13.Rh4 Nhf6 14.Be3 h5 15.Nc3 c4 16.Nd4 Ne5 17.f3 Bd7 18.0-0-0 Rc8 19.Kb1 Qb4 20.a3 Qa5 21.Ka2 Rab8 22.Bf4 Ne8 23.Nc6* 0-1 So,W (2757)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2732) Chess.com Classic Div 2 W chess.com INT 2024 (6.1)*)*
9.hxg6 fxg6
A) 10.e5 Ng4 11.d6 e6 12.Rxh7
A1) 12...Rf5 13.Rh3 Nc6 14.a4 b4 *(14...Ngxe5 15.axb5 Nd4 16.Nxe5 Rxe5+ 17.Be2 Bb7 18.Kf1 Nxe2 19.Nxe2 Rd5 20.Qc2 Rxd6 21.Nc3 Rd3* 35. Grünfeld 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.h4-GrÃ¼nfeld 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.h4 â *)* 15.Ne4 Ngxe5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.g4 Rf7 18.f4 Qf8 19.Nxc5 Rxf4 20.Bxf4 Qxf4 21.Be2 c3 22.bxc3 Nxg4 23.Bxg4 Bxc3+ 24.Rxc3 bxc3 25.Qf3 Qd2+ 26.Kf1 Ba6+ 27.Kg1 1 Chapter 7 – 5.h4 Game;
A2) 12...Nc6 13.Rxg7+ Kxg7 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.Ne4 Ncxe5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxc5 Qc6 18.Qd4 Rf5 19.Be3 Kg8 20.0-0-0 Bd7 21.Kb1 Rc8 22.Qh4 Nf7 23.Ne4 Kg7 24.f3 Rh8 ½-½ Sethuraman,S (2739)-Warlick,J (2756) USA corr 1988 (1.2);
B) 10.Rh4 Ng4 11.Nxb5 Qa5+ 12.Nc3 h5 13.Bd2 Qa6 14.Qe2 Nd7 15.Qxc4 Qd6 16.Nb5 Qf6 17.d6+ Kh8 18.Bc3 Nge5 19.0-0-0 Nxc4 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Bxc4 exd6 35. Grünfeld 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.h4-GrÃ¼nfeld 4.Nf3 Bg7 5. h4 â]
8.Qa4+= 3:10 White has an edge. **8...Bd7** 23:29 **9.Qxc4** 21 And now e5! would win. **9...0-0** 1.03/20 6
[9...Qa5± 0.63/18]
10.Qxc5 6:03 **e6** 7:00

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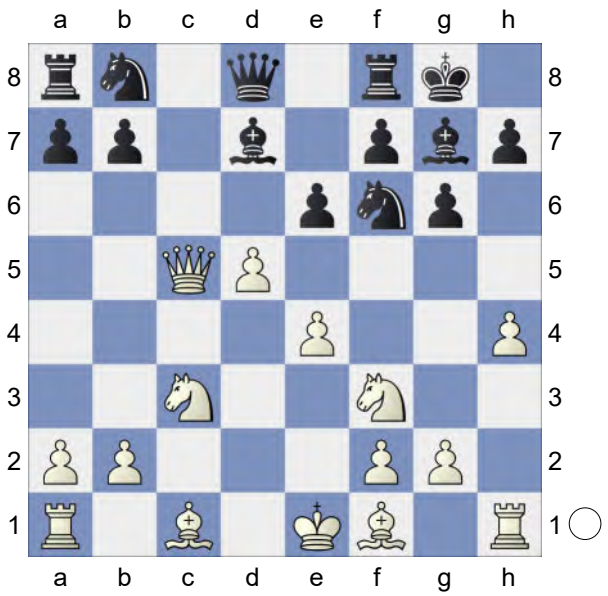
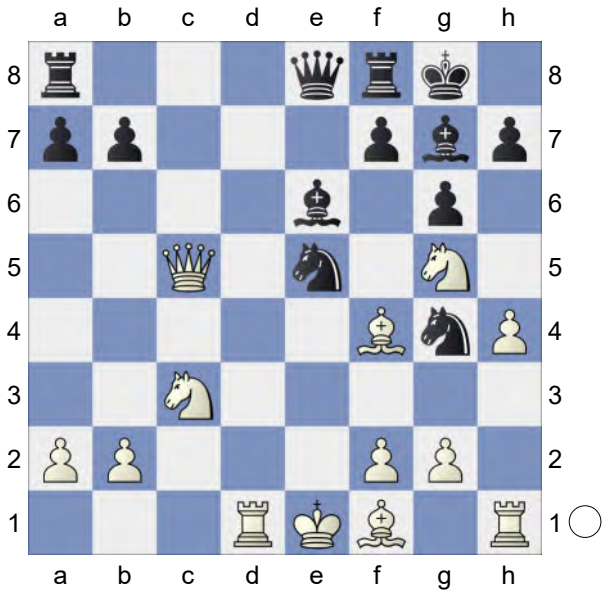
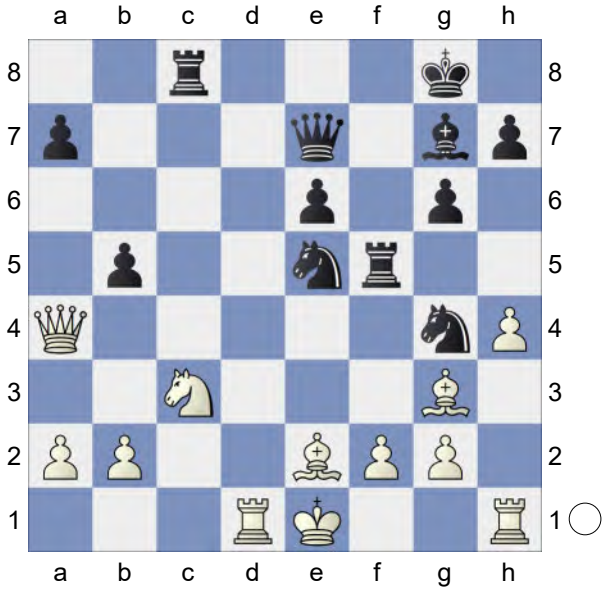


11.dxe6 12:56 **Bxe6** 44 **12.Ng5** 1:46 **Nc6** 0.83/22 8:22
[12...Ng4= 0.06/20 13.f3 Bd4 14.Nxe6 fxe6]
13.Bf4 -0.62/21 10:13 White is more active.
[White should try 13.Nxe6± 0.83/22 fxe6 14.Bg5]
13...Ng4!∓ 7:20 **14.e5** 25:17 **Ncxe5** 3:16
[14...Ngxe5 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Rd1=]
15.Rd1 3:03 **Qe8** 10:36

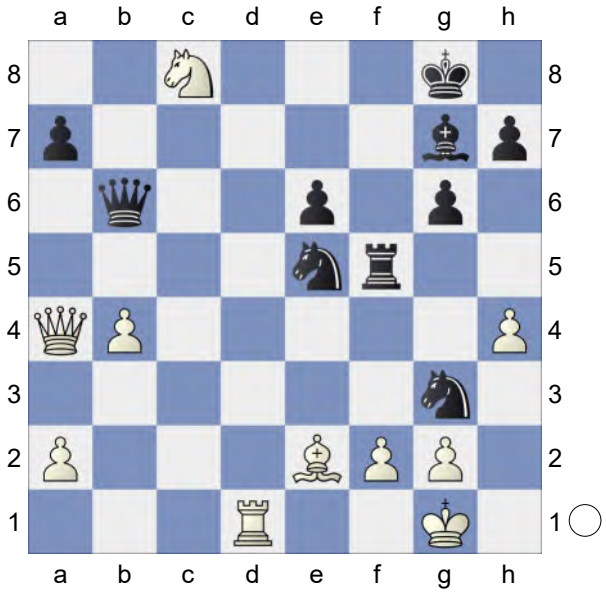


16.Nxe6 3:03 **fxe6** 7:47 **17.Bg3** 1:06 **Rc8** 0.01/22 20
[17...Rf5!∓ -0.56/23 18.Qd6 Bf8]
18.Qb5= 2:39 **Qe7** 8:08
[18...Qxb5 simplifies 19.Bxb5 Nc4 20.Bxc4 Rxc4 21.0-0 Bxc3 22.bxc3 Rxc3 23.Rd7 Rf7]
19.Be2↑ 21 White has the initiative.
19...Rf5 0.89/23 58
[19...Rc6= 0.08/21]
20.Qa4± 1:00 **b5?** 2.44/22 2:36

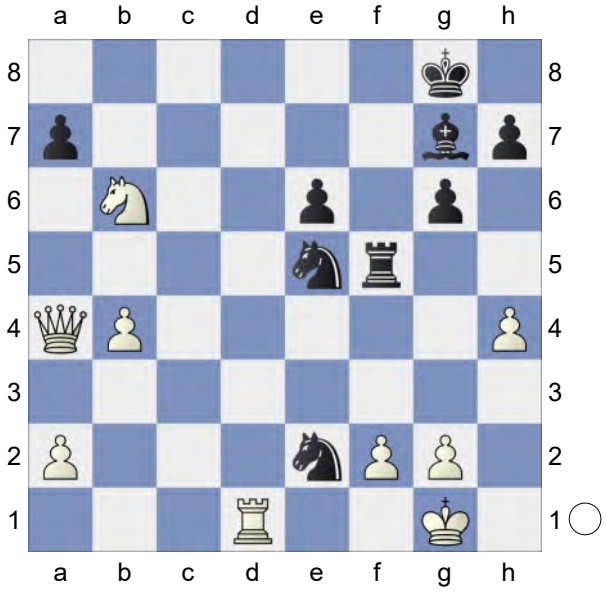


21.Nxb5+- 1:07 Nd6! would now be deadly.
[21.Qxb5? Nf3+ 22.Bxf3 Bxc3+ 23.bxc3 Rxb5-+]
21...Qc5 1:39 **22.0-0** 2:38
[22.Bxg4 Nxg4 23.0-0 *(23.Nxa7? Rxf2 24.Rd3 Qc1+* Skewer, Double Attack *25.Qd1 Qxb2-+)* 23...Nxf2 24.Rxf2 Qxb5 25.Qxa7 Rxf2 26.Bxf2 Bxb2± *(26...Qxb2 27.Qa6±)*]
[22.Qxa7 Qb4+ 23.Nc3 Qxb2=]
22...Ne3 22 **23.b4** 2:08 **Qb6** 1:10
24.Nd6 1:19
[Much less strong is 24.fxe3 Qxe3+ 25.Bf2 Qxe2]
[24.Nxa7 Ra8 25.fxe3 *(25.Bxe5? Nxf1 26.Rxf1 Rxa7-+)* 25...Qxe3+ 26.Kh2 Qxe2∓ *(26...Qxa7? 27.Rd8+* Deflection *Rxd8 28.Qxa7+-)*]

24...Nxf1? 5.39/21 1:13
[24...Rcf8 2.91/23]
25.Nxc8 1:24 **Nxg3** 44



26.Nxb6 1:10 **Nxe2+** 4 **27.Kf1** 26 **Ng3+** 47 **28.Kg1?** 0.01/20 27
[28.Ke1+- 6.49/23]
28...Ne2+= 6



A dynamic duo of knights. **29.Kf1?** -0.01/18 2
[29.Kh1!+- 1.87/23 h5 30.Nc4 *(30.Qxa7 Rxf2 31.Qa6 Ng4±)*]
29...Ng3+ 3 **30.Ke1** 7 **Nf3+** 47
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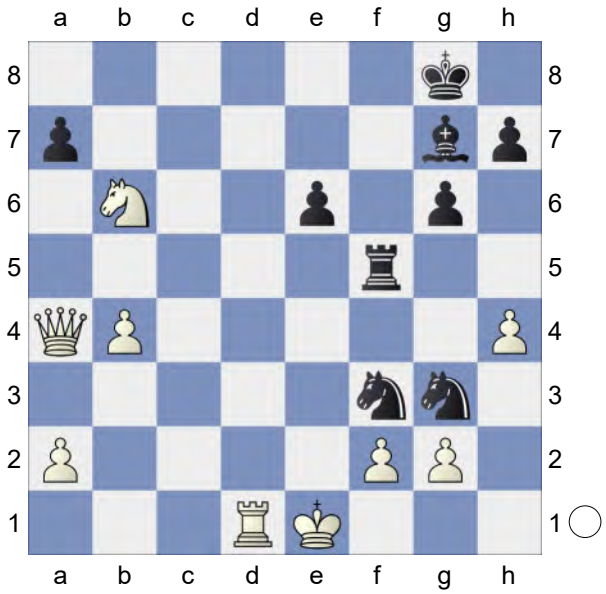
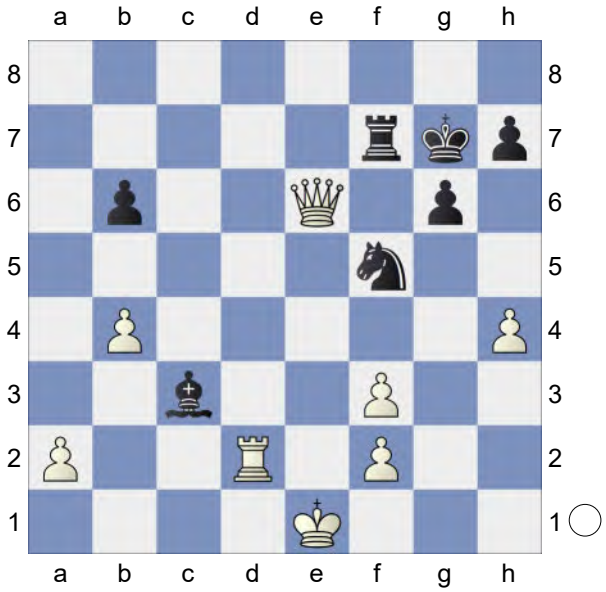
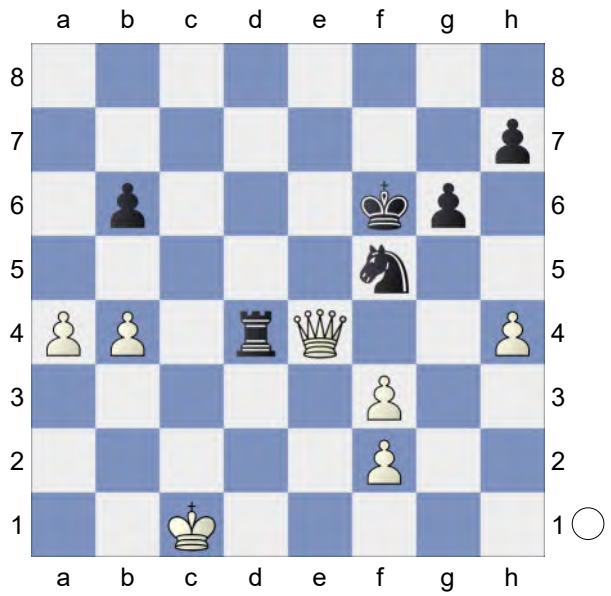


31.gxf3 4 **Bc3+** 3 **32.Rd2** 3 **axb6** 43 **33.Qe8+** 3:40 **Kg7** 24 **34.Qe7+** 15 **Rf7** 9 **35.Qxe6** 45 **Nf5** 57

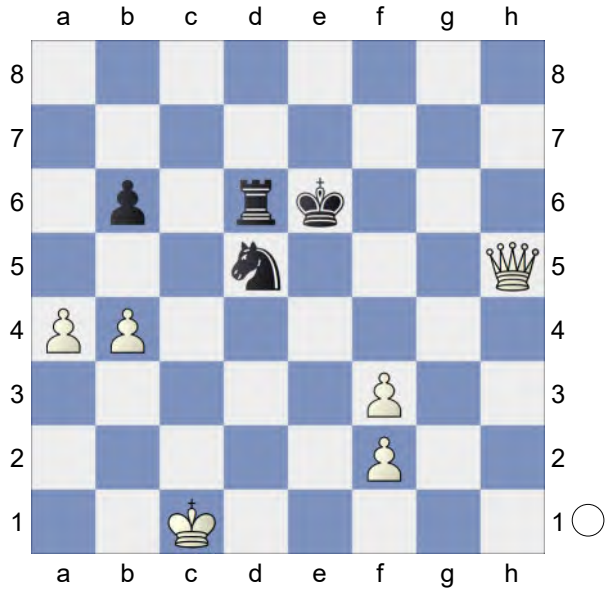


Strongly threatening ...Re7. **36.Kd1!** 8 **Bxd2** 48 **37.Kxd2+-** 3 Endgame. KQ-KRN **37...Rf6** 34 **38.Qe4** 25 **Rd6+** 10 **39.Kc1** 12 **Kf6** 17 **40.a4** 0 **Rd4** 0

(Diagram)

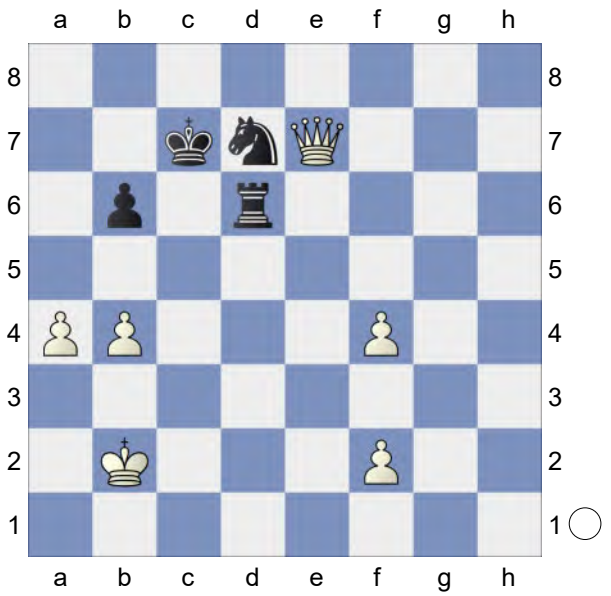


41.Qc6+ 33 **Rd6** 1:47 **42.Qc7** 1:09 **Ke6** 4:31 **43.Qxh7** 1:55 **Ne7** 22 **44.h5** 33 **gxh5** 6 **45.Qxh5** 7 **Nd5** 3:01

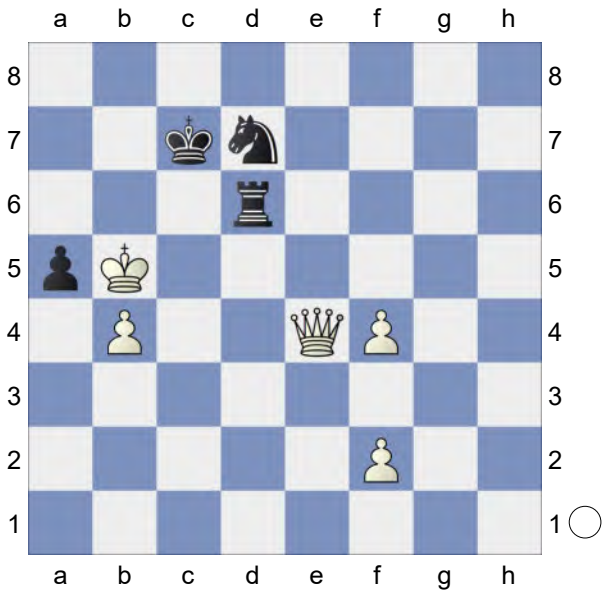


46.Qg4+ 2:01 **Ke7** 13 **47.Qe4+** 1:24 **Kd7** 7 **48.f4** 14 **Kc7** 5:27 **49.Kb2** 19 **Nf6** 14 **50.Qe7+** 1:04 **Nd7** 10

(Diagram)



51.Kc3 8 Repels Rd2 **51...Rf6** 56 **52.Qe4** 46 **Rd6** 19 **53.Kc4** 20 **Rc6+** 1:53 **54.Kb5** 38 **Rd6** 5 **55.a5** 2:02 **bxa5** 7



56.bxa5 2 **Rf6** 1:36 **57.Qc4+** 1:41 **Kb8** 15 **58.a6** 3:49 White mates. **58...Rb6+** 3:04 **59.Ka5** 4 **Rb1** 6:44 **60.Qd4** 15 **Kc7** 2:16

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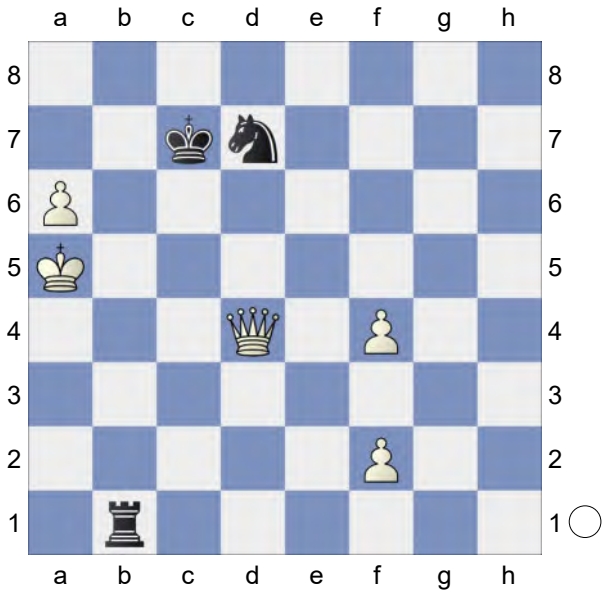
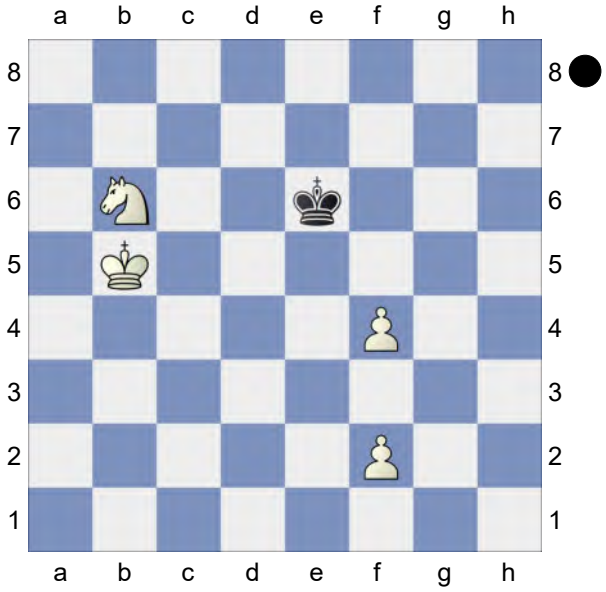


61.a7 26 **Nb6** 13 **62.Qxb6+** 24 **Rxb6** 5 **63.a8N+** 11
[And not 63.a8B Rb8 64.Be4 Kd6∓]
63...Kd6 20 **64.Nxb6** 10 **Ke6** 1:02 **65.Kb5** 7



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31 **C42**
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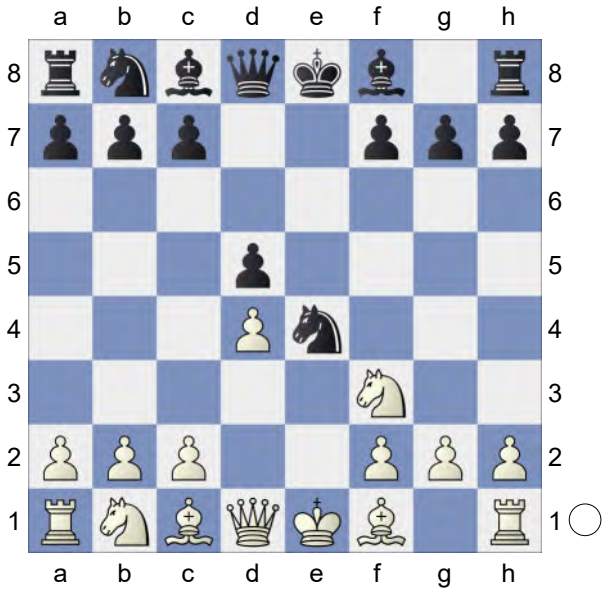
Blitz 1min
C42: Petroff Defence: 3 Nxe5 and unusual White 3rd moves **1.e4** 9 **e5** 6 **2.Nf3** 14 **Nf6** 7 **3.Nxe5** 42 **d6** 5 **4.Nf3** 20 **Nxe4** 7 **5.d4** 1:10 **d5** 6



6.Bd3 16 **Bf5** 20 **7.0-0** 1:31 **Be7** 6 **8.Re1** 1:45 **0-0** 8 **9.Nbd2** 1:28 **Nd6** 17 **10.Nf1** 29 **Bxd3** 3:21

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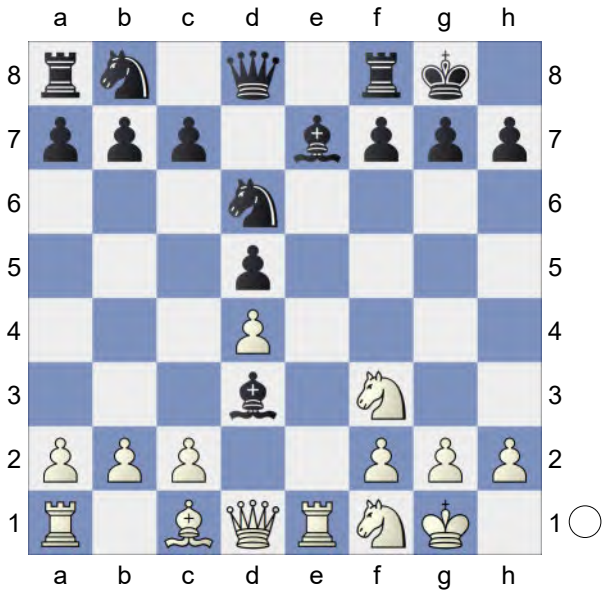
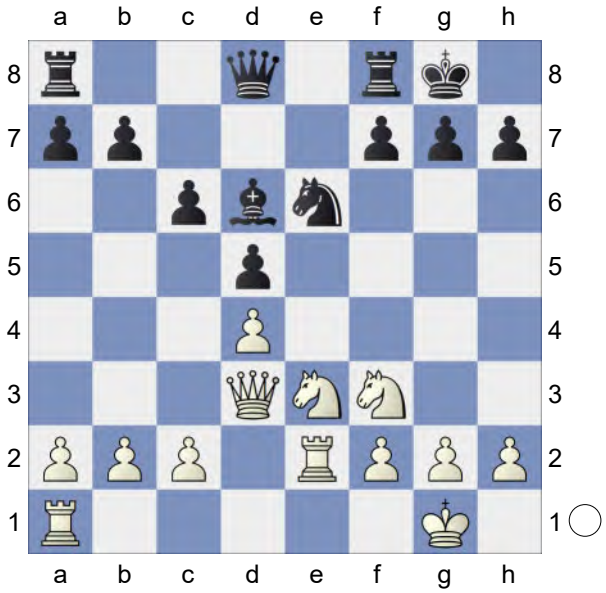
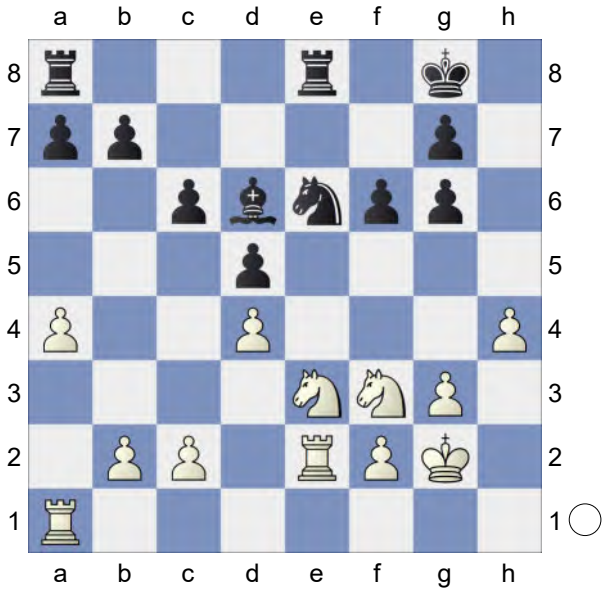


11.Qxd3 10 White is slightly better.
11...c6 1:31 **12.Bf4** 1:25 **Na6** 1:30 **13.Re2** 59 **Nc7** 2:22 **14.Ne3** 48
[14.Rae1 Ne6 15.Bxd6 Bxd6 16.g3 Qf6 17.Ne5 Rfe8 18.c3 Bxe5 19.Rxe5 Nc7 20.Nd2 Rxe5 21.Rxe5 Re8 22.Nf3 Rxe5 23.Nxe5 Qe6 24.Qf3 Ne8 25.Qg4 Qxg4 26.Nxg4 f6 27.f3 Kf7 28.Nf2 Nd6 ½-½ Santos Latasa,J (2656)-Radjabov,T (2747) FIDE World Cup Baku 2023 (3.2)]
14...Ne6 3:56 **15.Bxd6** 43 **Bxd6** 30



16.g3 27 Wards off Nf4 **16...Re8N** 2:24
[16...Qf6 17.Nf5 Rad8 18.Rae1 g6 19.Nxd6 Rxd6 20.Kg2 Rdd8 21.Re5 Rde8 22.h4 h5 23.Ng5 Ng7 24.Qa3 a6 25.Qb4 Rb8 26.Re7 Nf5 27.Rxb7 Rxb7 28.Qxb7 Qxd4 29.Re8 Nxh4+ 30.gxh4 Qg4+ 31.Kf1 0-1 Zhao,J (2619)-Liu,Y (2530) CHN-chT Div-A Fuling 2022 (4.3)]
17.h4 13:28 **Qf6** 7:27 **18.Kg2** 8:17 **Qg6** 27 **19.Qxg6** 1:37 **hxg6** 6 **20.a4** 4:28 **f6** 4:10



21.c3 4:45 **Kf7** 1:58 **22.b4** 1:54 **Nc7** 5:58 **23.Rb2** 2:17 **a6** 4:41 **24.Ne1** 2:59 **Red8** 1:50 **25.Nd3** 1:44 **Bf8** 11

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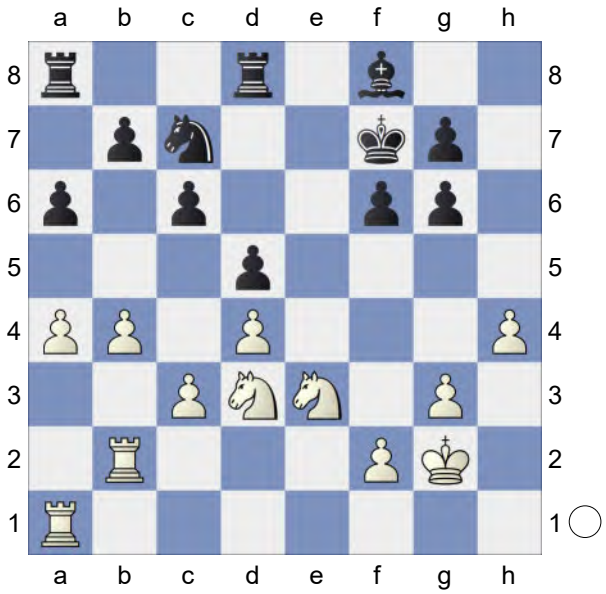
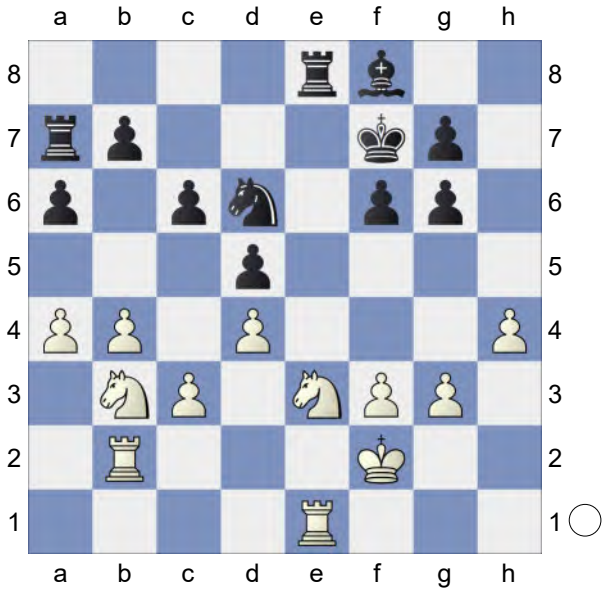


26.Nc5 8:02 **Ra7** 8:40 **27.Nb3** 2:07 **Rda8** 6:59 **28.f3** 11:28 **Ne8** 36 **29.Re1** 3:01 **Nd6** 10 **30.Kf2** 1:27 **Re8** 3:42



31.Rbe2 2:12 **Re7** 6:39 **32.Ng2** 5:06 **Nc4** 3:47 **33.Ne3** 0.01/23 3:16
[33.a5± 0.37/26]
33...Nd6= 7 **34.Nd1** 2:20 **Nc4** 2:25 **35.Nb2** 49 **Nxb2** 2:43

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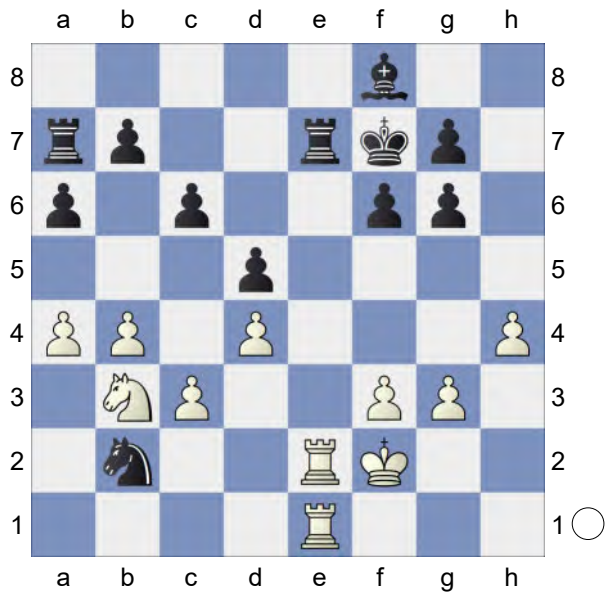
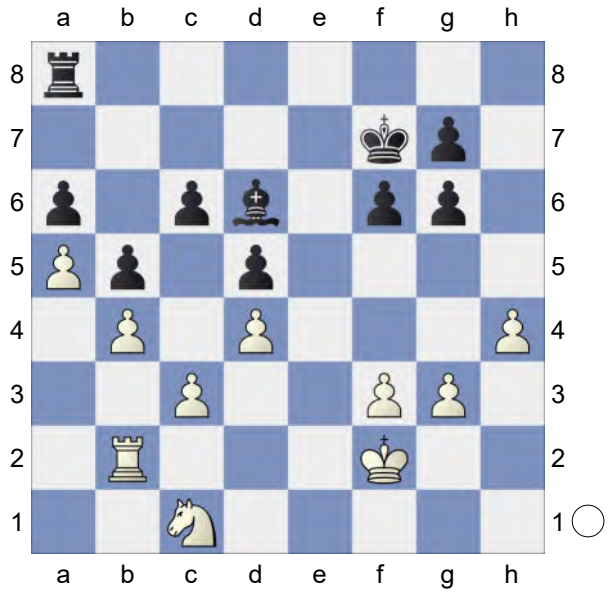


36.Rxb2 5 **Rxe1** 5 **37.Kxe1±** 2
Endgame. KRB-KRN **37...b6** 16 **38.a5** 5:11 **b5** 11 **39.Kf2** 33 **Bd6** 7 **40.Nc1** 0.10/30 0
[40.Re2± 0.47/27]
40...Ra8= 0



41.Nd3 3:48 **Rh8** 42 **42.Kg2** 2:36 **Re8** 17 **43.Rd2** 1:16 **Re7** 0.45/31 10
[43...g5= -0.01/30]
44.Kf2 29 **Re8** 6 **45.Rd1** 54 **Rh8** 19

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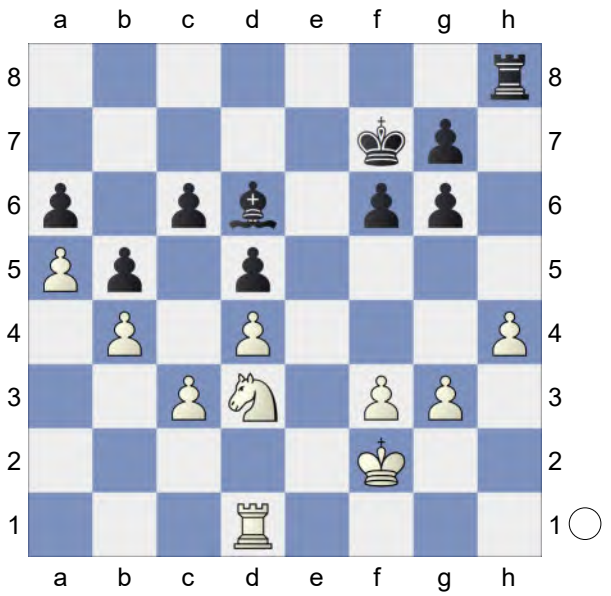
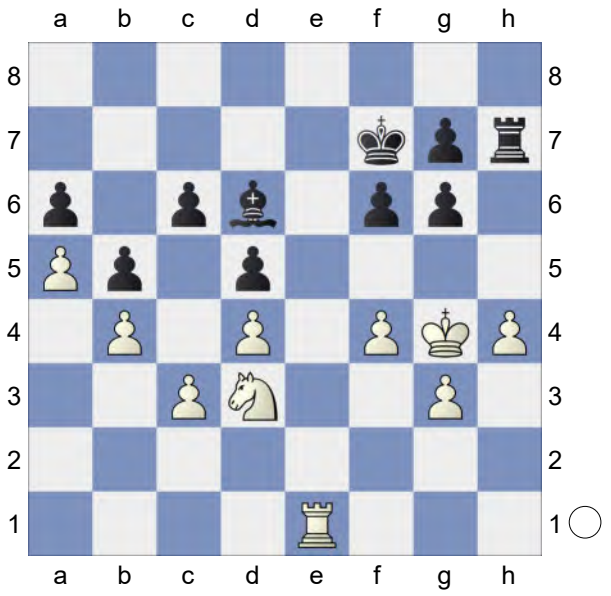


46.Rg1 1:10 **Rh5** 34 **47.f4** 12:21 **Rh8** 1:04 **48.Kf3** 40 **Rh7** 3:08 **49.Kg4** 35 **Rh8** 41 **50.Re1** 46 **Rh7** 14



51.Re3 52 **Rh5** 51 **52.Kf3** 1:09 **Rh8** 6 **53.Re1** 10 **Rh7** 12 **54.Rh1** 41 **Rh8** 50 **55.Nf2** 3:09 **Rh7** 2:51

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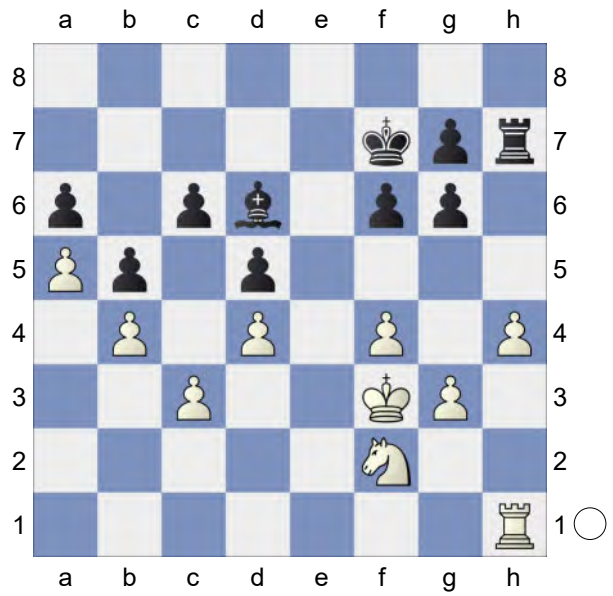
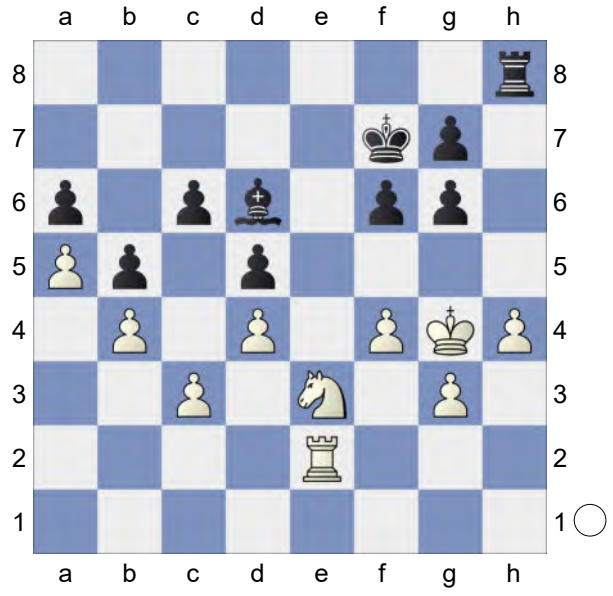


56.Re1 1:12 **Rh8** 11 **57.Ng4** 27 **Rh7** 27 **58.Ne3** 25 **Rh8** 1:22 **59.Re2** 15 **Rh5** 44 **60.Kg4** 16 **Rh8** 11



61.Re1 1:36 **Re8** 2:06 **62.Kf3** 0.01/27 17

[62.Nc2± 0.44/29 deserves consideration.]

62...Rh8! 30 **63.Rf1** 1:01 **Rh5** 1:06 **64.Rh1** 52 **Rh8** 7 **65.g4** 1:45 **Re8** 21

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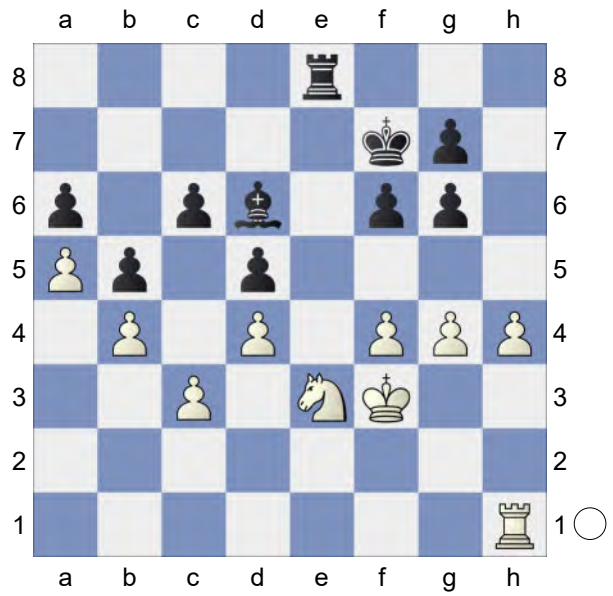
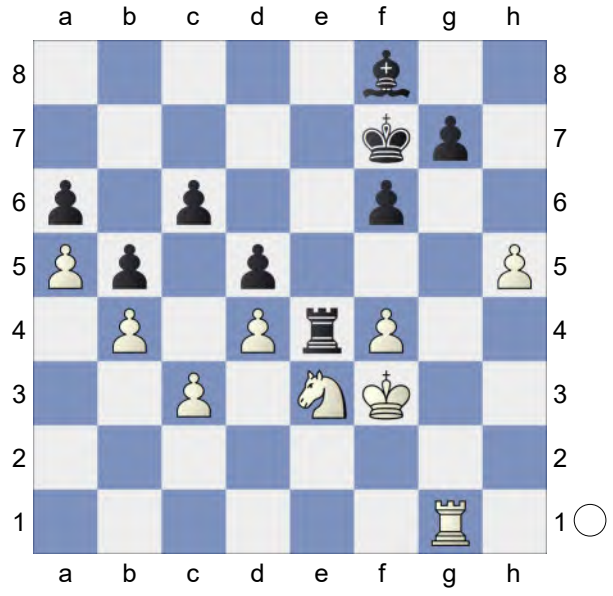


66.h5 3:45 **gxh5** 4:12 **67.gxh5** 10 **Re4** 41 **68.Rh4** 1:54 **Bf8** 38 **69.Rg4** 45 **Re8** 22 **70.Rg1** 21 **Re4** 1:04

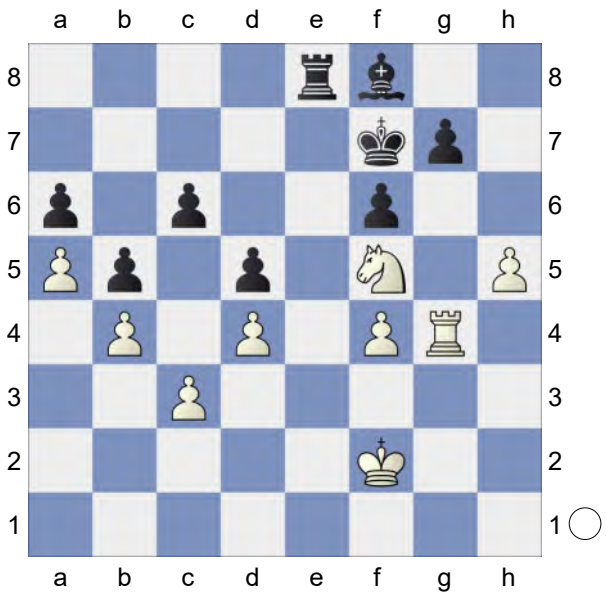


71.Nf5 14 **Re8** 39 **72.Kf2** 0.12/31 22

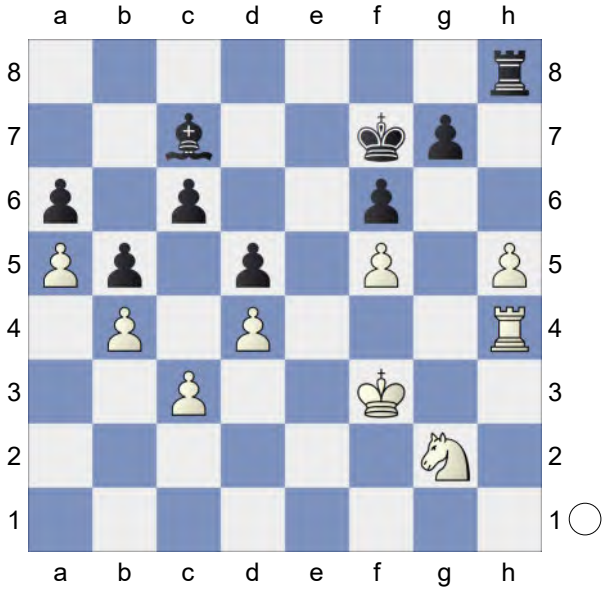
[72.Ra1± 0.48/30]

72...Re4 22 **73.Rg4** 51 **Re8** 20 **74.Ng3** 4:36 **Bd6** 1:36 **75.Nf5** 35 **Bf8** 6

(Diagram)

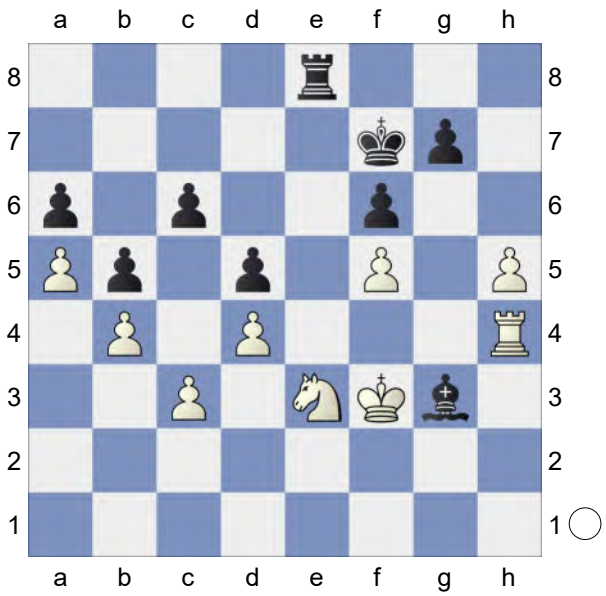


76.Ne3 21 **Bd6** 32 **77.Kf3** 1:12 **Re4** 42 **78.f5** 32
[78.Nf5!? Bf8□ 79.Ne3=]
78...Re8 37 **79.Ng2** 44 **Rh8** 15 **80.Rh4** 5 **Bc7** 1:02

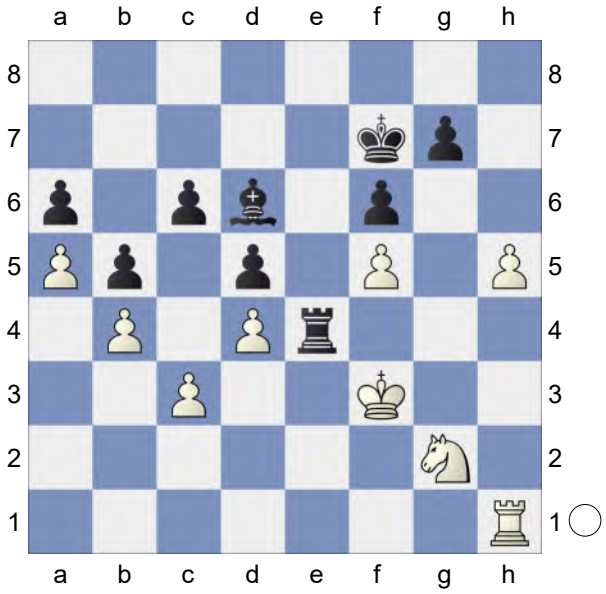


81.Rh1 33 **Bd6** 49 **82.Ne3** 46 **Re8** 3:02 **83.Rh4** 1:39 **Bg3** 1:12

(Diagram)

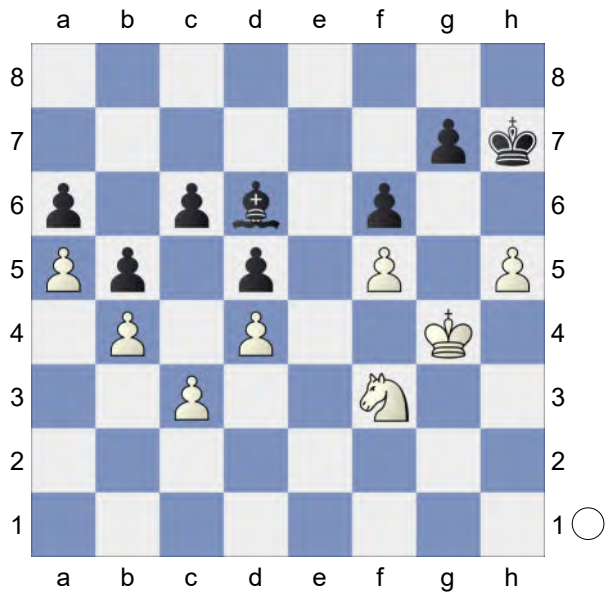


Decoy **84.Rh1** 10 **Bd6!** 22 **85.Ng2** 32 **Re4** 2:47

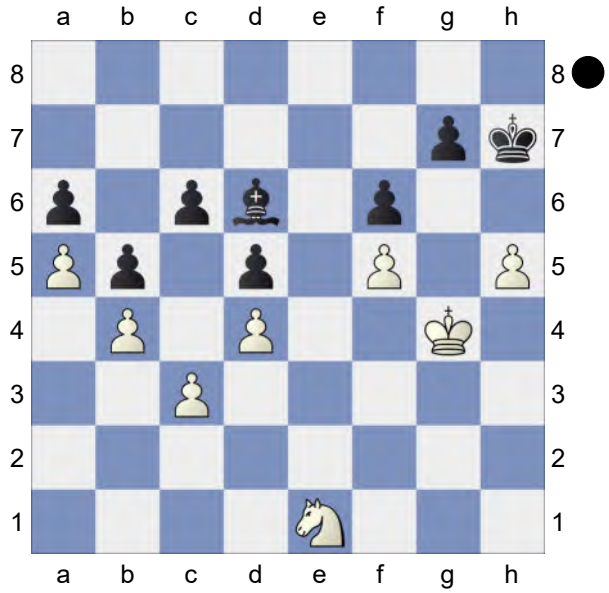


86.Rh3 51 **Kg8** 26 **87.Rh4** 1:43 **Rxh4** 1:37 **88.Nxh4** 2 KB-KN **88...Kh7** 9 **89.Kg4** 46 **Kh6** 18 **90.Nf3** 22
[90.Ng6!?]
90...Kh7 10

(Diagram)



91.Ne1 45 **Kh6** 19 **92.Nd3** 5 **Kh7** 9 **93.Ne1** 50



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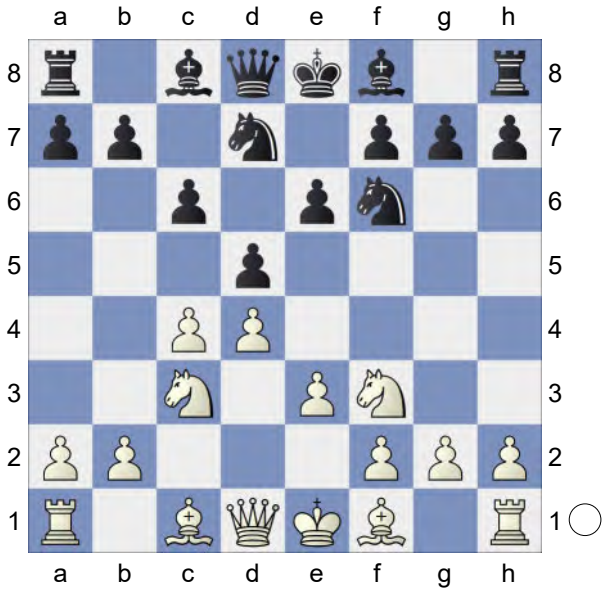
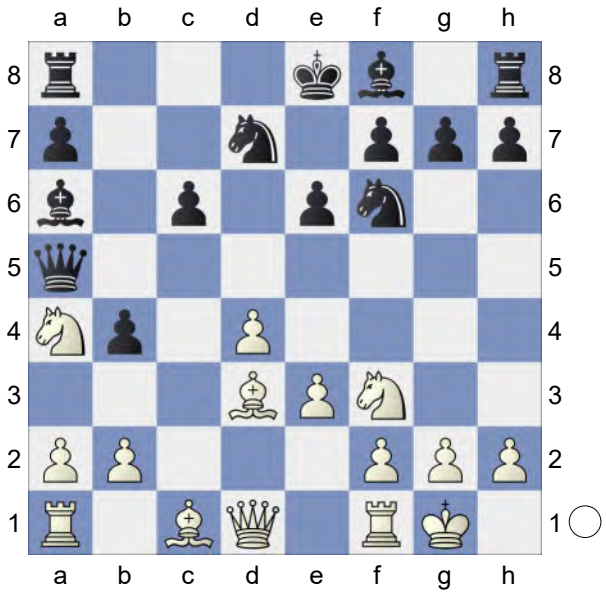
32 **D47**
□ **Koneru,Humpy** **2523**
■ **Kosteniuk,Alexandra** **2484**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (4.2)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
D47: Semi-Slav: Meran System
Giorgadze,Giorgi: 'Giorgadze,G: 'Inf 67/520" **1.d4** 5 **d5** 12 **2.c4** 28 **e6** 11 **3.Nc3** 19 **c6** 11 **4.e3** 1:15 **Nf6** 24 **5.Nf3** 34 **Nbd7** 15



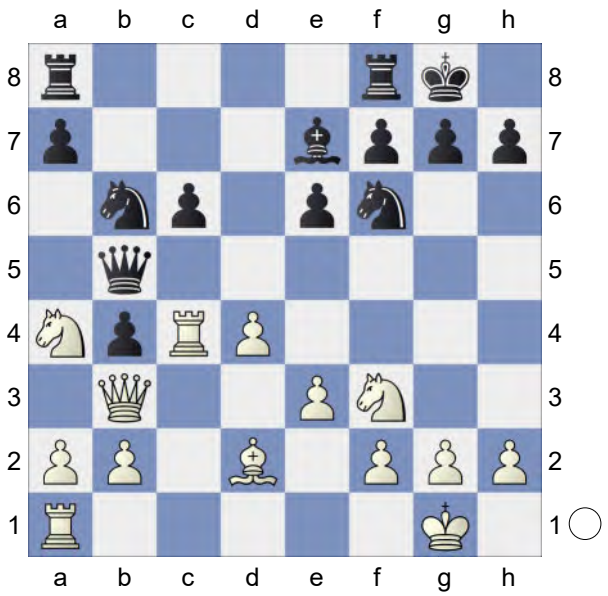
6.Bd3 48 **dxc4** 34 **7.Bxc4** 7 **b5** 10 **8.Bd3** 59 **b4** 25 **9.Na4** 1:40 **Qa5** 0.38/21 23:18
[9...c5= -0.02/21 feels stronger.]
10.0-0± 5:36 **Ba6** 3:17

(Diagram)

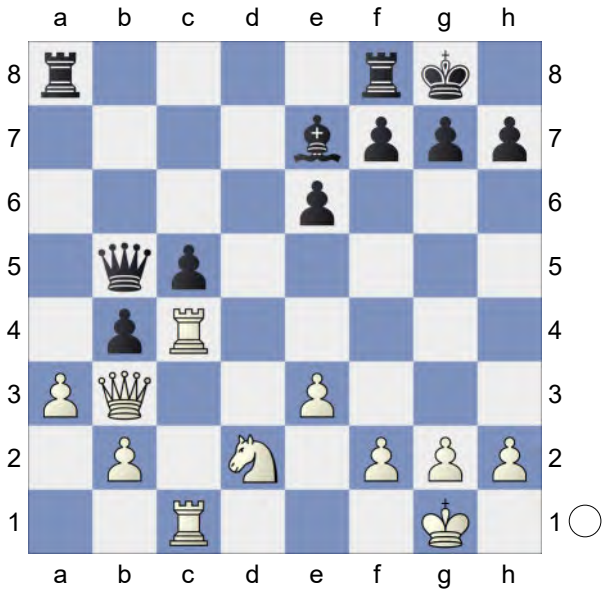


...Bxd3 is the strong threat. **11.Bxa6** 3:53 **Qxa6** 2 White is better. **12.Bd2N** 14:22
[12.a3 Qb5 *(12...bxa3 13.b3 Qb5 14.Bxa3 Bxa3 15.Rxa3 0-0 16.Qc2 Rfc8 17.Rc1 Rc7 18.h3 Rb8 19.Nc3 Qb4 20.Qa2 Rbb7 21.Na4 Ne4 22.Rc4 Qe7 23.Nc3 Nxc3 24.Rxc3 h6 25.Ra5 Qb4 26.Qa1 c5 27.Ra4* ½-½ Lputian,S (2595)-Giorgadze,G (2580) Yerevan (ol) 67/520 1996*)* 13.axb4 Bxb4 14.Bd2 a5 15.Qc2 *(15.Nc3 Qb7 16.Ne1 c5 17.dxc5* ½-½ Gleizerov,E (2535)-Burmakin,V (2530) Saint Petersburg 60/(427) 1994 *)* 15...0-0 16.e4 h6 17.Be3 Chess Informant Eco Chess Informant ECO D3 Survey 1998]
[12.b3 Be7 13.Bb2 0-0 14.a3 bxa3 15.Bxa3 Bxa3 16.Rxa3 c5 D 47/04 2003]
12...Be7 7:15 **13.Qb3** 7:29 **Qb5** 7:32 **14.Rfc1** 1:29 **0-0** 10:01 **15.Rc4** 12:19 **Nb6** 5:35

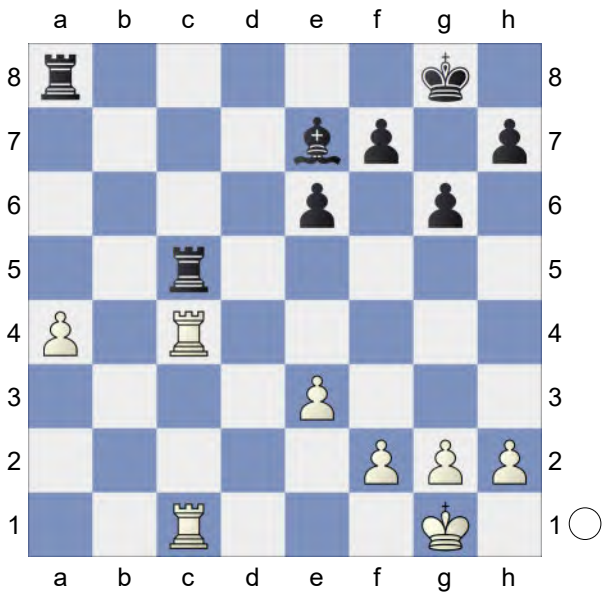
(Diagram)



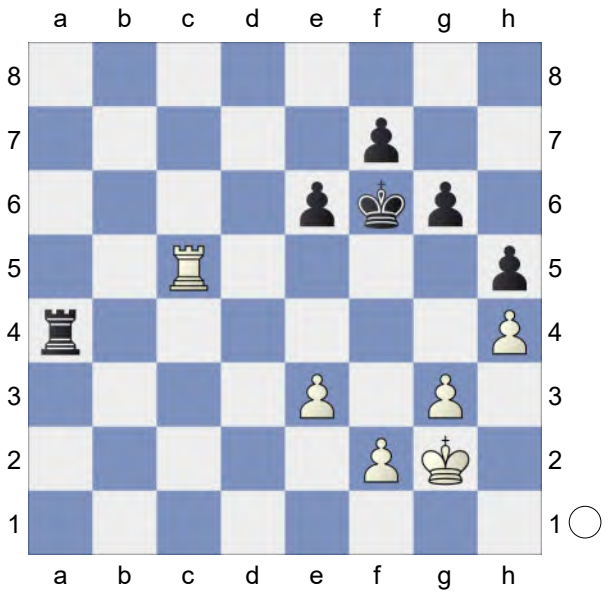
16.Nxb6 53 **axb6** 16 **17.Rac1** 1:07
[Much worse is 17.Bxb4 Ra4 18.Ne5 *(18.a3? c5-+)* 18...Rxb4∓]
17...c5 6:03 **18.a3** 5:18 **Ne4!** 9:47
19.dxc5 9:59 **Nxd2** 19 **20.Nxd2** 8
The position is equal. **20...bxc5** 6



21.Ne4 3:11 **Rfb8** 7:23 **22.Nxc5** 6:25
bxa3 16 **23.Qxb5** 34 **Rxb5** 4 **24.bxa3** 10 **g6** 1:36
[24...Rc8!? 25.Nd3□ Rxc4 26.Rxc4 Rb1+ 27.Rc1 Rxc1+ 28.Nxc1 Bxa3∓]
25.a4 41 **Rxc5** 5

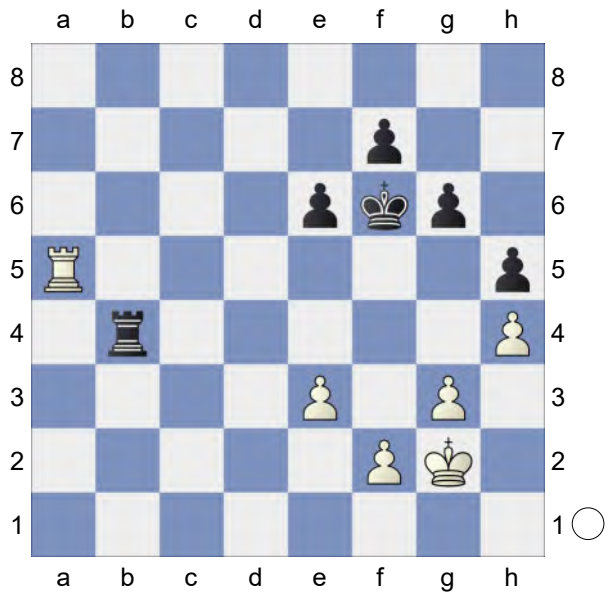


Remove Defender **26.Rxc5** 3 **Bxc5** 3
27.Rxc5 5 **Rxa4=** 3 Endgame. (→ ... Ra1+). KR-KR **28.g3** 9 **h5** 9 **29.h4** 6
Kg7 8 **30.Kg2** 8 **Kf6** 23

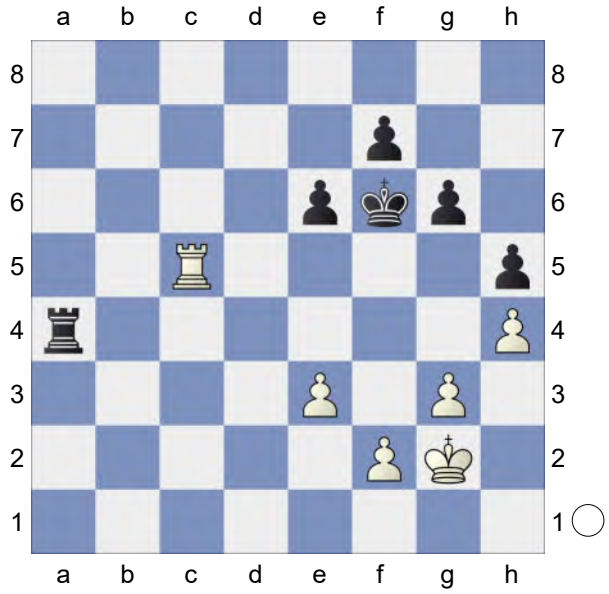


31.Rb5 48 **Rc4** 7 **32.Ra5** 5 **Rb4** 3
33.Rc5 5 **Ra4** 3 **34.Rb5** 4 **Rc4** 3
35.Ra5 5 **Rb4** 2

(Diagram)



36.Rc5 6 **Ra4** 31



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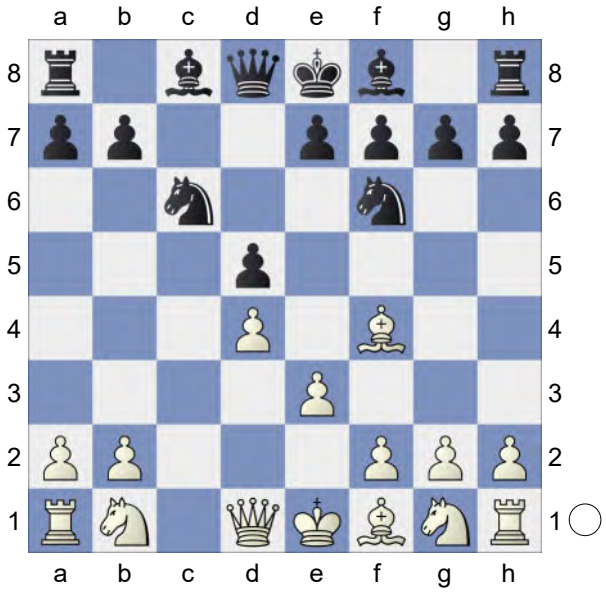
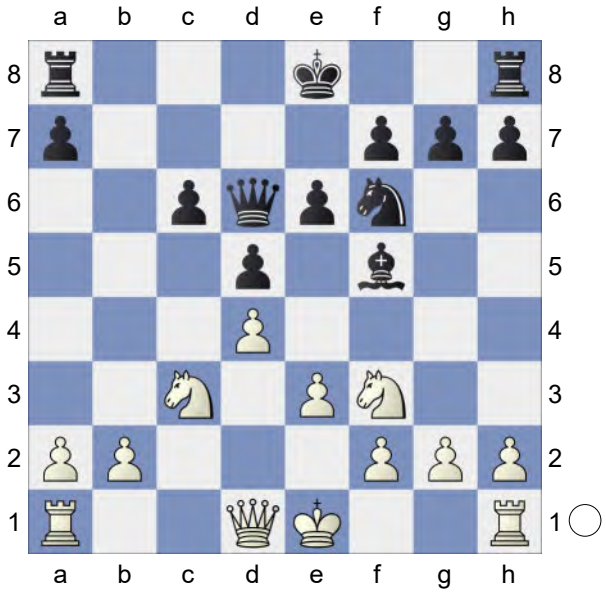
33 **D14**
□ **Khademalsharieh,Sarasadat** **2458**
■ **Munguntuul,Batkhuyag** **2331**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (4.3)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
D14: Slav Defence: Exchange variation with ...Bf5 **1.c4** 7 **c6** 15 **2.d4** 19 **d5** 8 **3.cxd5** 8 **cxd5** 3 **4.Bf4** 13 **Nc6** 6 **5.e3** 8 **Nf6** 9

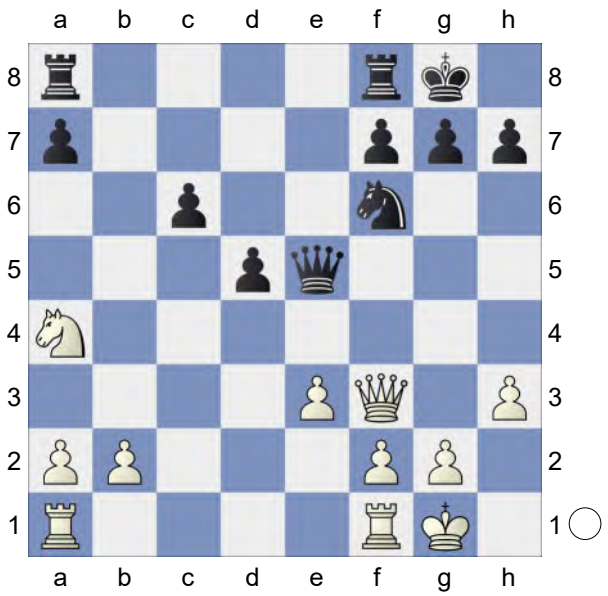


6.Nc3 17 **Bf5** 1:02 **7.Nf3** 31 **e6** 1:59 **8.Bb5** 21 **Bd6** 4:07 **9.Bxc6+N** 2:02
[9.Bxd6 Qxd6 10.Ne5 0-0 11.f4 Ne4 12.0-0 Rac8 13.Rc1 Nxc3 14.bxc3 f6 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.Bd3 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 e5 18.fxe5 fxe5 19.Rxf8+ Rxf8 20.Rf1 Rxf1+ 21.Kxf1 Qf6+ 22.Kg1 h6 23.Qa6 Qg5 ½-½ Wiedenhoeft,L (1530)-Wehner (1828) Groningen_159811 1995 (8)]
[9.Ne5 Bxe5 *(9...Qc7 10.Rc1 0-0 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.0-0 Qb7 13.Na4 Bxe5 14.Bxe5 Nd7 15.Bd6 Rfd8 16.b4 Rac8 17.a3 Nf6 18.Nc5 Qb6 19.Be7 Re8 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Nd7 Qd8 22.Nc5 a5 23.Nb7 Qd7 24.Nxa5* 0-1 Bonferroni,T (1878)-Overney,L (1662) 28th Geneva Open A Geneva SUI 2011 (2)*; 9...Rc8 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rc1 Qe7 13.Na4 Bxe5 14.Bxe5 Nd7 15.Nc5 f6 16.Bg3 e5 17.Qd2 Nb6 18.b3 e4 19.Na6 h5 20.Qb4 Qb7 21.Nc5 Qe7 22.a4 g5 23.a5 Na8 24.Na6* 1-0 5.f3 00 6.♗e3_45580-Meeresgambit Jugoslavija 77/(187) 1999 (16)*)* 10.Bxe5 0-0 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.0-0 Qa5 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Na4 Bd3 15.Re1 Rab8 16.Nc5 Ba6 17.Nd7 ½-½ Nakamura,H (2708)-Carlsen,M (2810) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2010 (5)]
9...bxc6 5 **10.Bxd6** 6 **Qxd6** 7

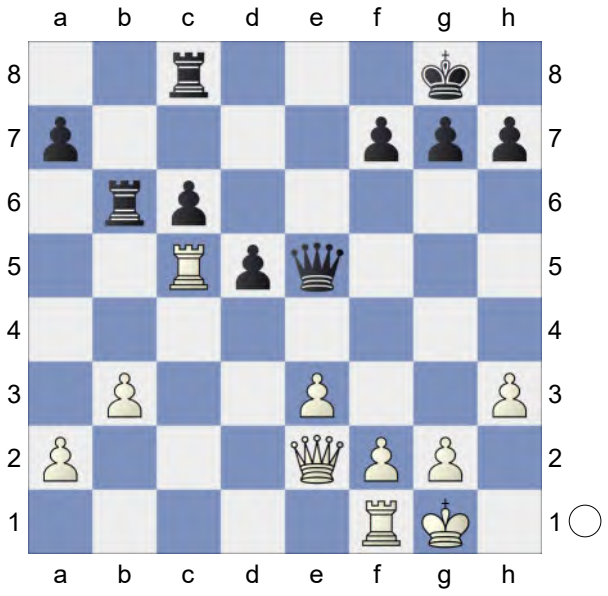


11.0-0 53 White has an edge. **11...Bg4** 5:34 **12.h3** 6:32 **Bxf3** 7:15 **13.Qxf3** 5 **0-0** 2:32 **14.Na4** 3:40 **e5** 24:02 **15.dxe5** 6:05 **Qxe5** 10

(Diagram)

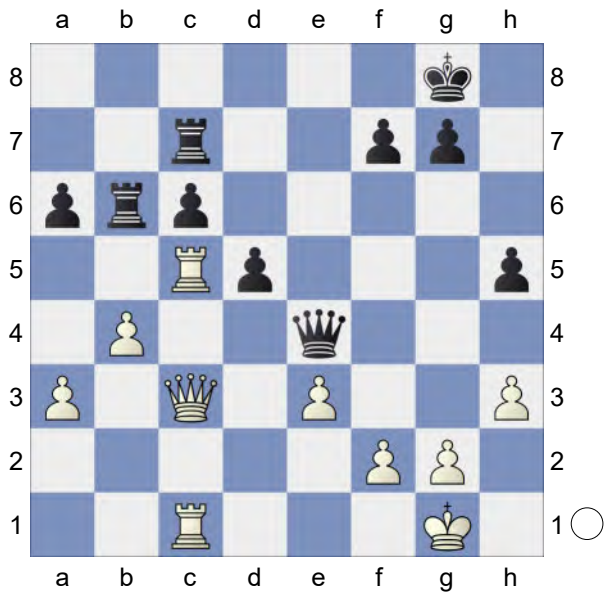


16.Rac1 23 **Ne4** 5:27 **17.Qe2** 7:57
Prevents Nd2
[17.Rxc6? loses. Nd2 18.Qg4 h5-+
(18...Nxf1 19.Kxf1 Rab8 20.Kg1∓)]
17...Rfc8 3:05 **18.Nc5** 5:58 **Nxc5** 4:27
19.Rxc5 6 **Rab8** 26 **20.b3** 46 **Rb6** 49

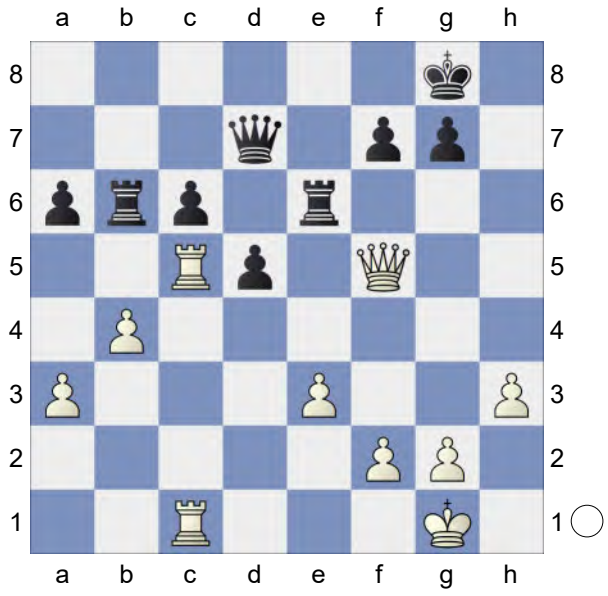


21.Rfc1 48 **h5** 7:11 **22.Qd2** 4:05 **Qe6**
11:10 **23.Qc3** 6:12 **Qe4** 4:43 **24.a3**
7:31 **Rc7** 7:36 **25.b4** 29 **a6** 30

(Diagram)

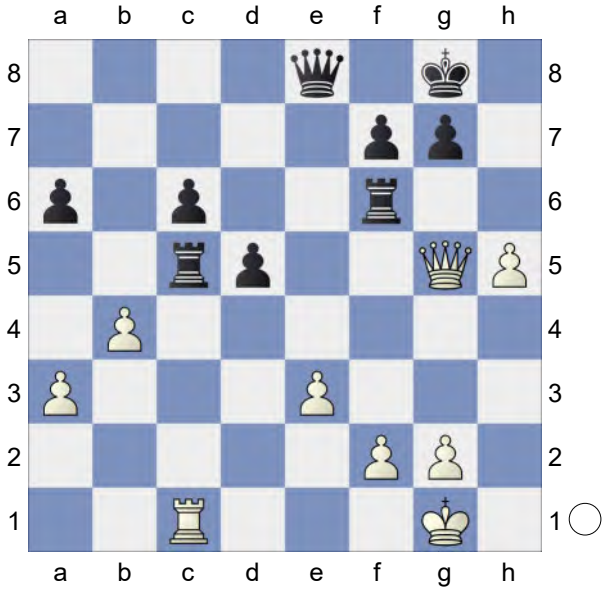


26.Qd2 8:55 **Qe7** 3:10 **27.Qd4** 30 **Qd8**
1.82/24 4:23
[27...Qd6± 1.44/24 28.e4 Qf4]
28.Qe5 3:13 **Re7** 1:08 **29.Qxh5** 1:10
Re6 3 **30.Qf5** 3:40 **Qd7** 38

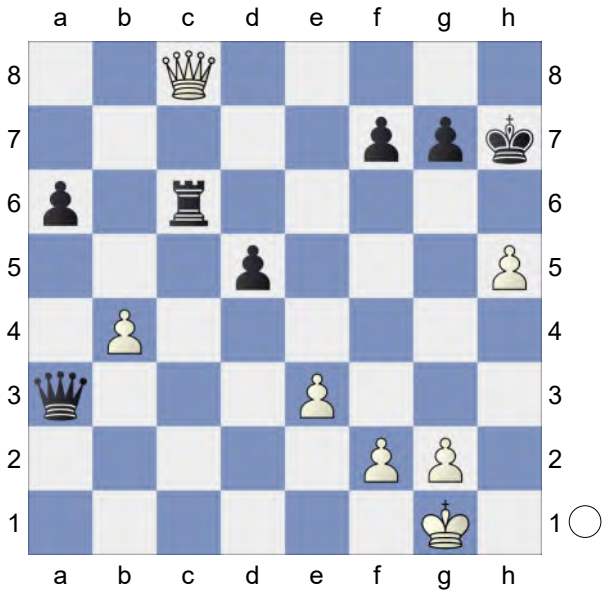


31.h4 1:10 **Rb5** 2.52/25 2:11
[31...Qe8± 1.58/21 keeps fighting.
32.Qd3 Rb5]
32.Qg4 1.49/22 3:40
[32.Rxc6+- 2.52/25 Threatening mate
with Rc8+. Qxc6 33.Rxc6 Rxc6
34.Qd7]
32...Qe8 42 **33.h5** 1.01/24 2:25

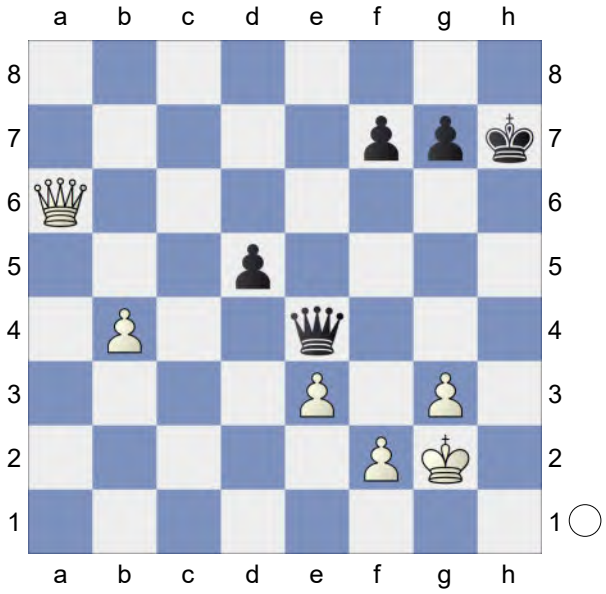
White is more active.
[Better is 33.g3 1.46/24]
33...Rh6± 33 **34.Qf5** 2:02 **Rf6** 25
35.Qg5 0.17/25 1:33
[35.Qd3± 1.11/21]
35...Rxc5!= 13



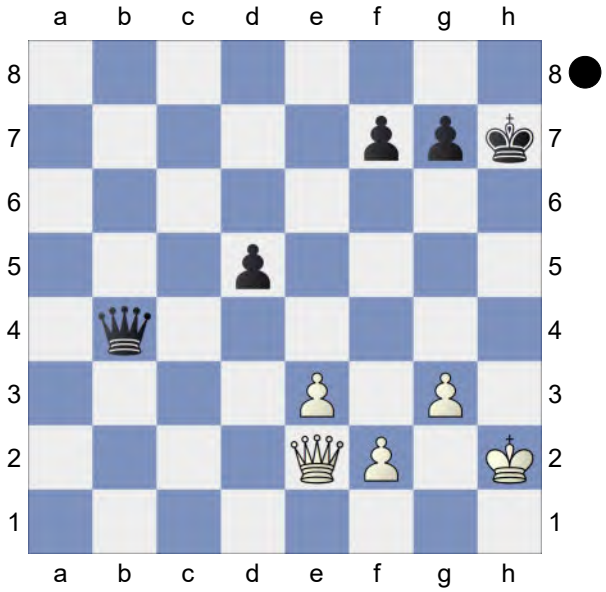
The position is equal. **36.Rxc5** 21
Endgame. KQR-KQR **36...Qe4** 3
Prevents Qg4 **37.Rc1** 10:50 **Qd3** 5
38.Qg4 6:03 **Qxa3** 13 **39.Qc8+** 41 **Kh7** 1 **40.Rxc6** 0 **Rxc6** 0



41.Qxc6 52 KQ-KQ **41...Qa1+** 3:23
42.Kh2 5 **Qe5+** 2:25 **43.g3** 5 **Qxh5+** 16
44.Kg2 5 **Qf5** 1:13 **45.Qxa6** 1:06
Threatens to win with Qd6. **45...Qe4+** 17



46.Kh2 18 **Qxb4** 1:18 **47.Qe2** 58



Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
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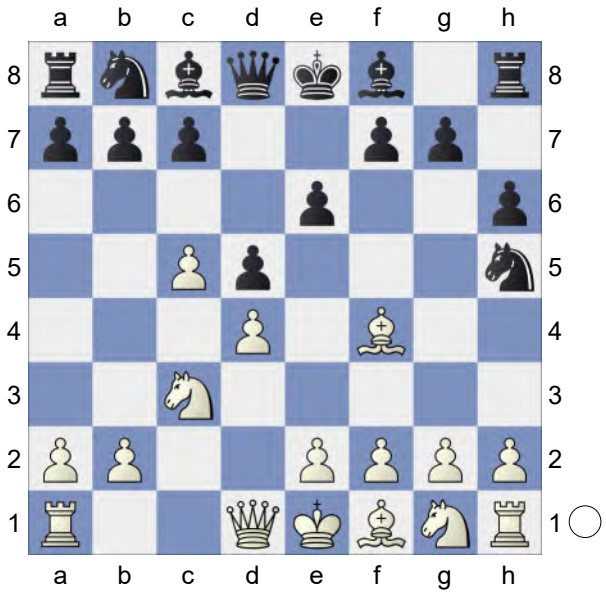
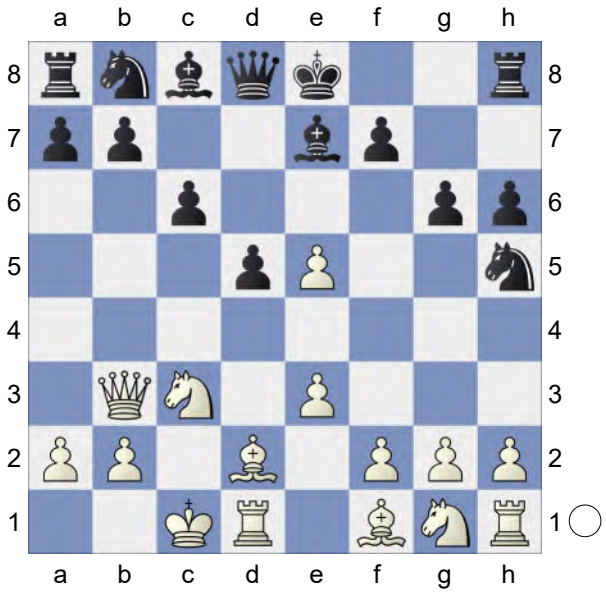
34 **D31**
□ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2515**
■ **Paehtz,Elisabeth** **2427**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (4.4)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
D31: Queen's Gambit Declined: Semi-Slav without ...Nf6 (+ Marshall Gambit and Noteboom) and Exchange Variation lines without ...Nf6 Kitty Kat: 'D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4 ' **1.d4** 5 **d5** 26 **2.c4** 10 **e6** 3 **3.Nc3** 21 **h6** 29 **4.Bf4N** 1:06
[4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 c6 6.e3 Bf5 7.Bd3 *(7.Nf3 Nf6 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Nbd7 10.0-0 Be7 11.h3 0-0 12.Bh2 Re8 13.Nh4 Ng4 14.hxg4 Bxh4 15.Rae1 Be7 16.Qf5 Nf6 17.Be5 Qc8 18.f3 Qxf5 19.gxf5 Nd7 20.Bg3 Nb6 21.e4 dxe4* 1-0 Keymer, V (2600)-Nihal,S (2702) Wch Blitz Almaty 2022 (13)*; 7.f3 Nf6 8.g4 Bh7 9.h4 Bd6 10.Nge2 Qe7 11.Kf2* 28) QGD: 3rd Move Sidelines-QGD 3rd Move Sidelines: 3...h Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.Nge2 Nbd7 10.0-0 Be7 11.Ng3 0-0 12.f3 c5 13.Nf5 Re8 14.Rad1 Bf8 15.Nb5 Nh5 16.Bd6 Qb6 17.Bxf8 Rxf8 18.Ne7+ Kh8 Repertoire Against H6-N,N 2023]
[4.Nf3 Nf6 5.e3 a6 6.b3 Bb4 7.Bb2 Ne4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Bd3 Bxc3+ 10.Bxc3 Nxc3 11.Qxc3 dxc4 12.Bxc4 b5 13.Be2 Bb7 14.Rc1 Nc6 15.0-0 Rc8 16.Rfd1 Qd6 17.Qc5 Rfd8 18.Nd2 Ne7 1-0 Moksh,A (2383)-Ankit Ray (2320) Qatar Masters Open 2024 Doha QAT (9.56)]
4...Nf6 1:06 **5.c5** 2:42 **Nh5** 10:39



6.Bd2 8:20 **e5** 0.58/22 17:20 **7.e3±** 14:38 **g6** 17:19 **8.dxe5** 6:56 White is slightly better. **8...Bxc5** 31 **9.Qb3** 4:28 **c6** 1:48 **10.0-0-0** 0.04/20 38
[10.Nf3!± 0.47/18]
10...Be7 0.49/21 9:20
[10...Nd7= 0.04/20]



11.Nf3! 23:59 **Na6** 0.92/22 14:28
[11...Ng7= 0.24/22 keeps the balance.]

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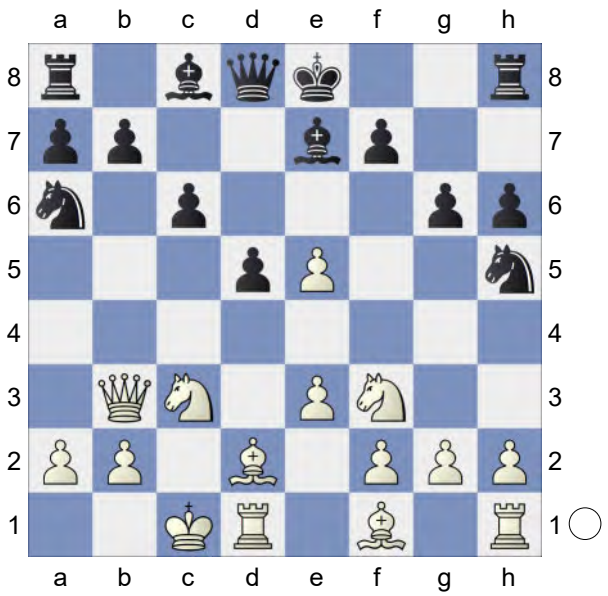
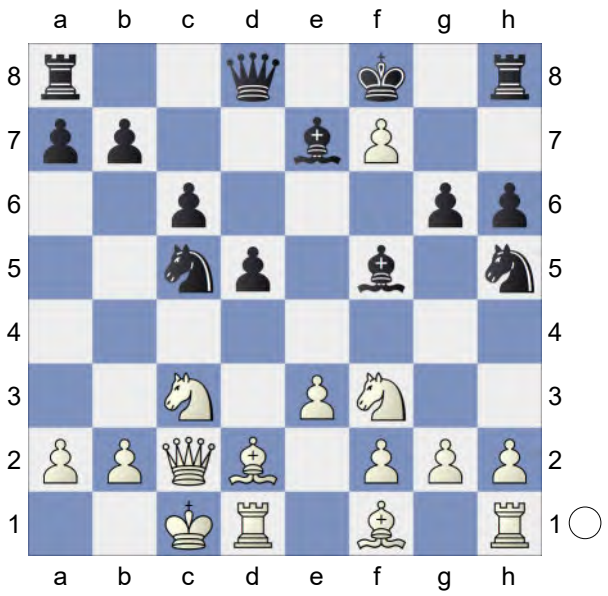


12.e6 -0.23/22 5:16 White is more active.
[12.Bxa6!± 0.92/22 bxa6 13.Qa4]
12...Nc5 0.31/22 6:37
[12...Bxe6= -0.23/22 13.Qxb7 Nc5 *(13...Nb4 14.a3±)* 14.Qxc6+ Kf8]
13.exf7+ 1:31 **Kf8** 1:08 **14.Qc2** 42 **Bf5** 27



15.e4! 12 **dxe4** 34

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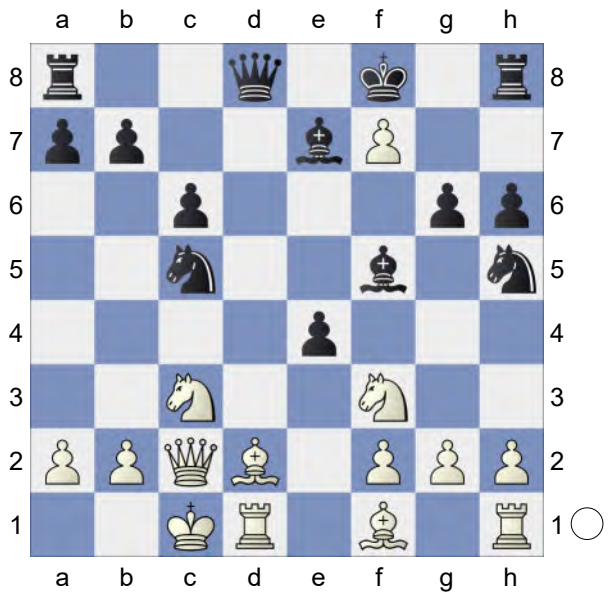
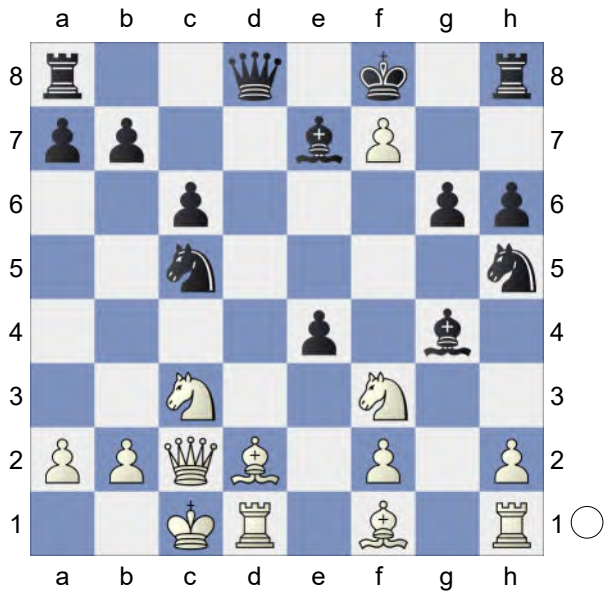


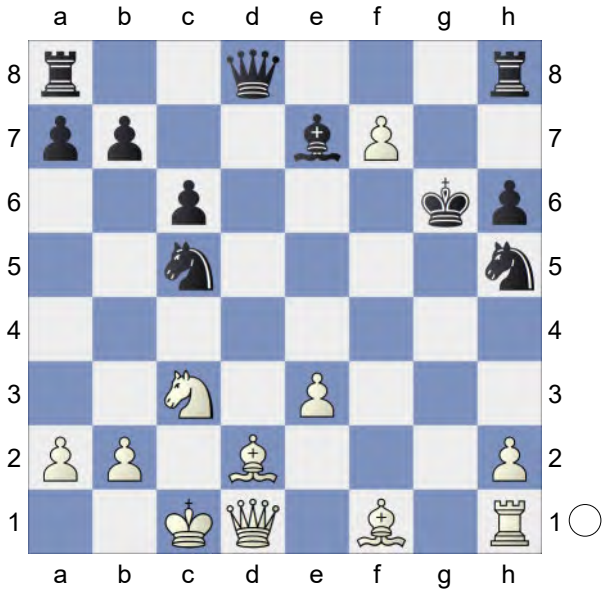
16.g4!↑ 10:07 Black is under strong pressure. **16...Bxg4** 1:17



Pin **17.Ne5** 2:46 **Bxd1** 3:35 **18.Nxg6+** 20 **Kg7** 0.98/23 1:35
[18...Kxf7± 0.59/24 19.Nxh8+ *(19.Kxd1 Kxg6 20.Nxe4 Nxe4-+)* 19...Qxh8 20.Bc4+ *(20.Kxd1 Qd4∓; 20.Qxd1 Qe5=)* 20...Ke8 21.Rxd1 *(21.Nxd1 Qe5=)* 21...Qd4]
19.Qxd1± 38 **e3** 1.45/23 4:29
[19...Kxg6?! 20.Rg1+ Bg5 *(20...Kxf7 21.Qxh5+ Kf8 22.Bc4)* 21.h4=]

[Better is 19...Bg5 1.08/25 20.Nxh8 Qxd2+ 21.Qxd2 Bxd2+ 22.Kxd2 Kxh8 *(22...Rxh8 23.Bc4±)*]

20.fxe3 33 **Kxg6** 39



21.Rg1+ 21 **Bg5** 1:03

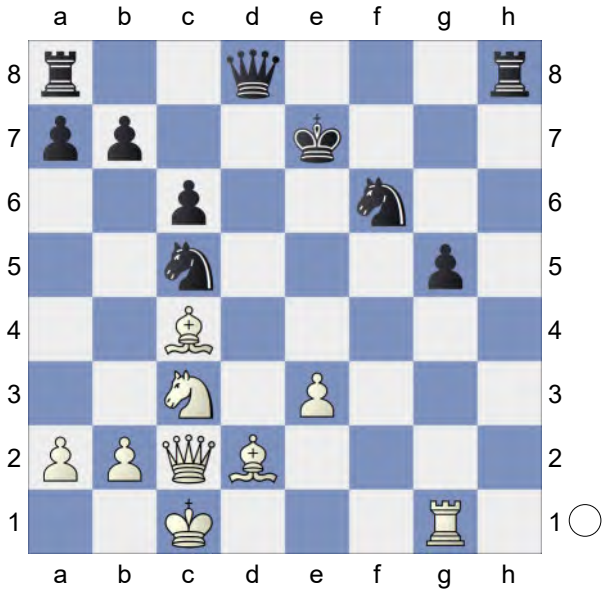
[21...Kxf7? 22.Qxh5+ Ke6 23.Qg4+ Kd6 24.Qg3+ Kd7 25.Bh3+ Ne6 26.Qe5+-]

22.h4 5 Pin **22...Nf6** 4:13 **23.hxg5** 9:13 **hxg5** 3 And now ...Nfe4! would win.

24.Qc2+ 43 **Kxf7** 45 **25.Bc4+!** 4

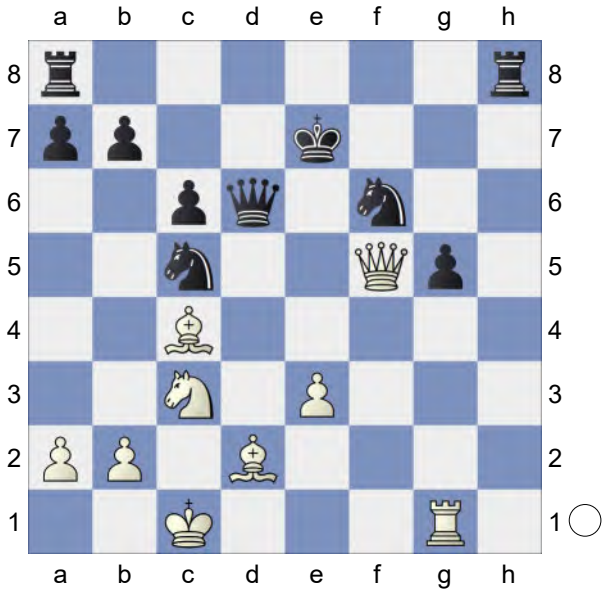
[25.Rxg5 Rh1 26.Qd1 Ne6∓]

25...Ke7 39



26.Qf5! 2:30 **Qd6?** 3.46/23 43

[26...b6± 1.37/21 is a better defense.]



27.e4 1.45/23 10

[27.Rd1!+- 3.46/23 and the rest is easy. Rad8 28.Be1 *(28.Qxg5 Ne6∓)*]

27...Qd4 1:05 **28.Rf1** 12 Really sharp!

28...Ncd7? 3.82/22 1:28

[28...Ncxe4? 29.Qe6+ *(29.Bxg5 Nxg5 30.Qxg5 Rag8∓)* 29...Kd8 30.Nxe4 Nxe4 31.Rd1 Nxd2 32.Rxd2+-]

[28...Nfxe4? 29.Bxg5+ Nxg5 30.Qxg5+ Kd7 31.Rd1+-]

[28...Raf8± 1.02/26 29.Bxg5 Qxc4]

29.Bxg5+- 2:51

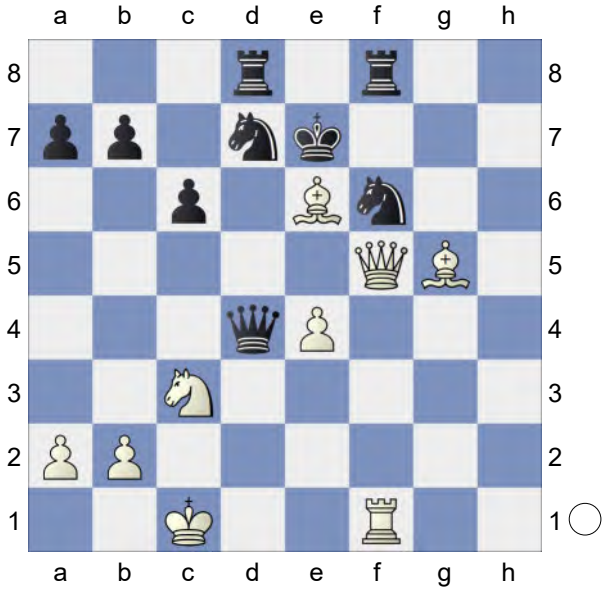
[29.Qe6+ Kd8+-]

29...Rhf8 14.53/23 32

[Much worse is 29...Qxc4 30.Bxf6+ Nxf6 31.Qxf6+ Kd7 32.Qg7+ Kc8 *(32...Kd6? 33.Rd1+ Kc5 34.b3+-)* 33.Qxh8++-]

[⌓29...Qe5 4.11/27 30.Qxe5+ Remove Defender, Deflection Nxe5 31.Bxf6+ Kd6 32.Rd1+ Kc5 33.Bxe5 Kxc4 34.Rd4+ Kc5 35.Bxh8 Rxh8]

30.Be6? 3.84/24 1:46 This pair of bishops is nice.
[30.Rd1 14.53/23 Qxd1+ 31.Kxd1]
30...Rad8? 14.83/24 28
[30...Qe5 3.84/24]



31.Bxd7 25 **Rxd7** 18 **32.e5** 6 **Kd8** 49
33.Bxf6+? 3.76/22 9
[33.Rd1 12.59/23 Qxd1+ 34.Nxd1]
33...Kc7 27 **34.e6** 44 Black must now prevent Be5+. **34...Qd2+** 5.81/5 30
[⌓34...Qe3+ 3.71/25 35.Kb1 Rd6]
35.Kb1 2 White is clearly winning.
35...Rd6 26

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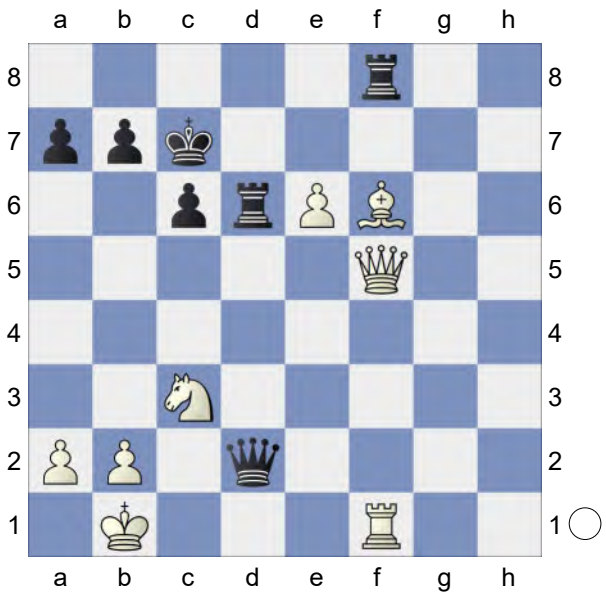
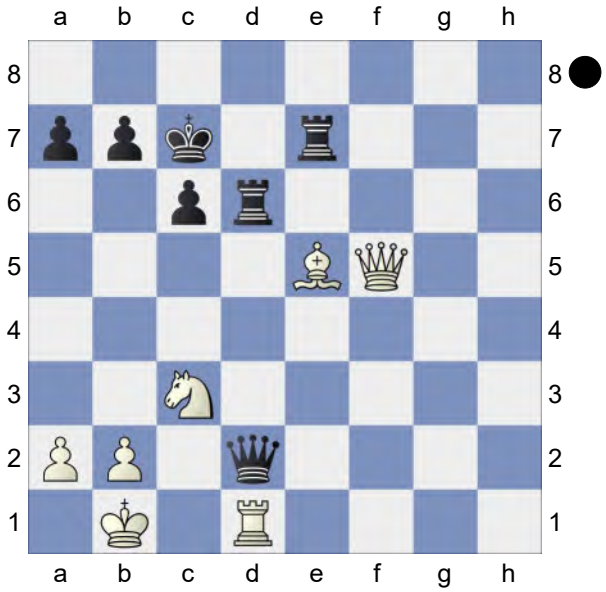


36.e7 41 White threatens Qa5+ and mate. **36...Re8** 35 **37.Be5** 32 Pin
37...Rxe7 4 **38.Rd1** 18



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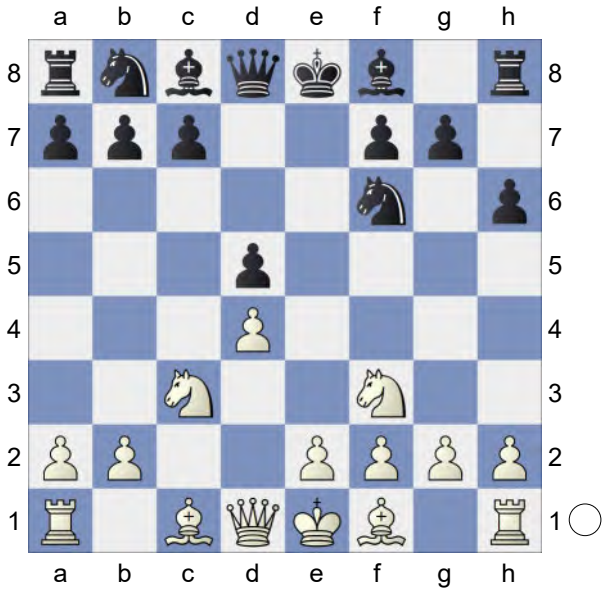
35 **D35**
□ **Assaubayeva,Bibisara** **2492**
■ **Dronavalli,Harika** **2489**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (4.5)
[Kitty Kat]

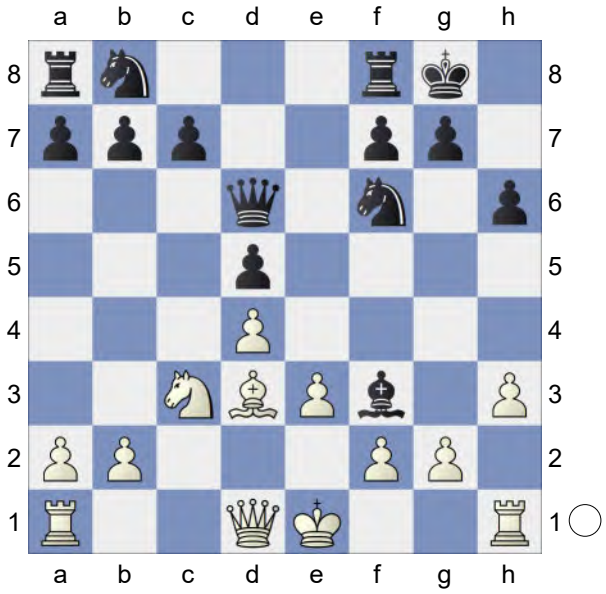
Blitz 1min
D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.c4** 16 **e6** 10 **2.Nc3** 7 **d5** 8 **3.d4** 5 **Nf6** 15 **4.cxd5** 7 **exd5** 9 **5.Nf3** 5 **h6** 2:35



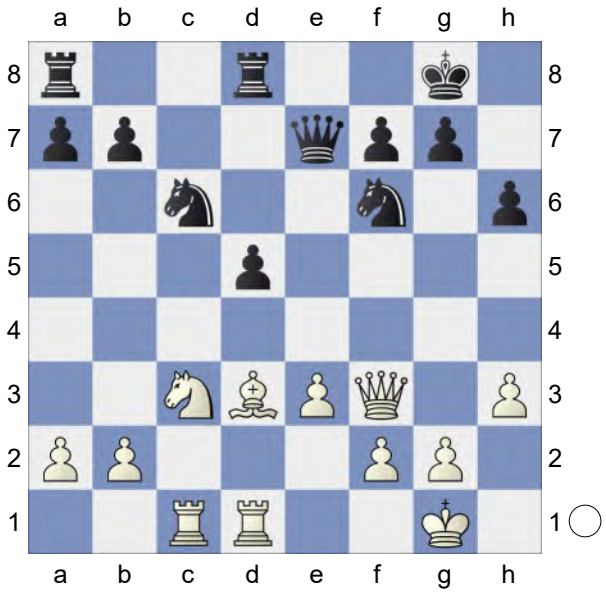
6.Bf4 26 **Bd6** 45 **7.Bxd6** 50 **Qxd6** 8 **8.e3** 3 The position is equal. **8...0-0** 3:40 **9.Bd3** 17 **Bg4N** 1:32

[9...b6 10.Rc1 Ba6 11.0-0 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 c6 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Qe6 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.Qe4 a5 17.Rfe1 Ra7 18.Re2 Rd8 19.h3 Rad7 20.b3 Rd5 21.Qe7 Qf4 22.Rce1 R5d7 23.Qe5 Qxe5 24.Rxe5 ½-½ Kuhn,M (1936)-Matosec, T (2051) St Veit op 42nd 2023 (9) Kf8 25.Kf1 Na6 26.a3 Nc7 27.Rc1 Rd6 28.Re2 Ne6 29.Rec2 c5 30.dxc5 Nxc5 31.Rc3 f6 32.b4 Nd3 33.Rd1 axb4 34.axb4 Nxb4 35.Rxd6 Rxd6 36.Rc7 Nd5 37.Rb7 Nc3 38.g4 b5 39.Nh4 ½-½ Hartmann,T (1936)-Moisio,M (2051) 51/204 Wijk aan Zee 1991 (9)]

10.h3 1:39 **Bxf3** 4:30



11.Qxf3 15 **c5** 45 **12.dxc5** 9:46 **Qxc5** 48 **13.0-0** 6 **Nc6** 40 **14.Rac1** 5:35 **Rfd8** 5:50 **15.Rfd1** 12:26 **Qe7** 8:21



16.Qe2 5:34 **Kf8** 5:35 **17.Bb5** 9:02 **d4** 17:58 **18.Bxc6!** 13:30 **dxc3** 16 **19.Bf3** 7 **Rxd1+** 2:12 **20.Rxd1** 9 **cxb2** 6

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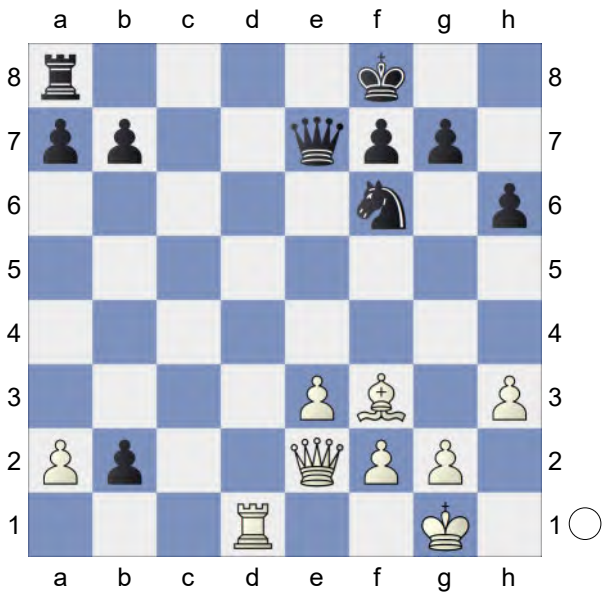
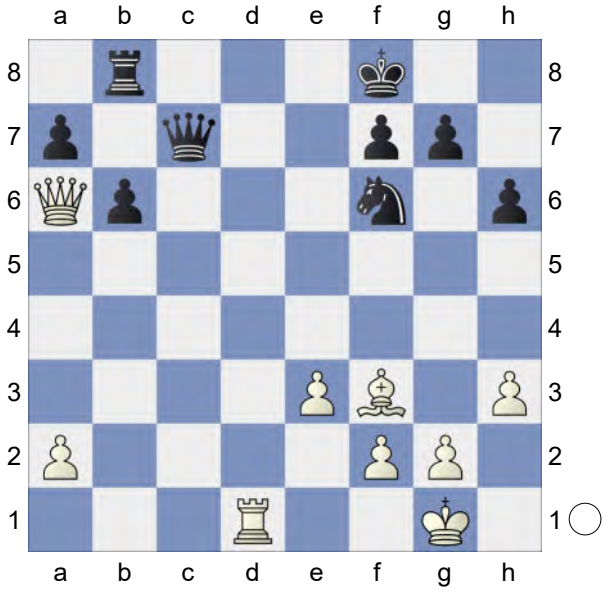


21.Qxb2 5 **Rb8** 21 **22.Qb5** 3:33 **b6** 3:12 **23.Qa6** 2:53 **Qc7** 4:06 **24.Qa3+** 1:21 **Qe7** 20 **25.Qa6** 0.01/20 7
[25.Qc3± 0.48/22]
25...Qc7!= 4



26.Qa3+ 0.01/21 7:11
[26.Rd4± 0.40/21]
26...Qe7! 16 **27.Qa6** 0.01/40 2:33
[27.Qc3± 0.50/21 feels stronger.]

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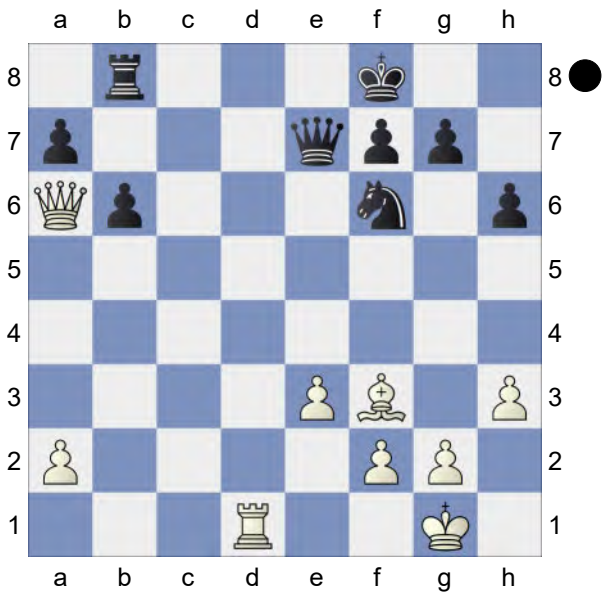

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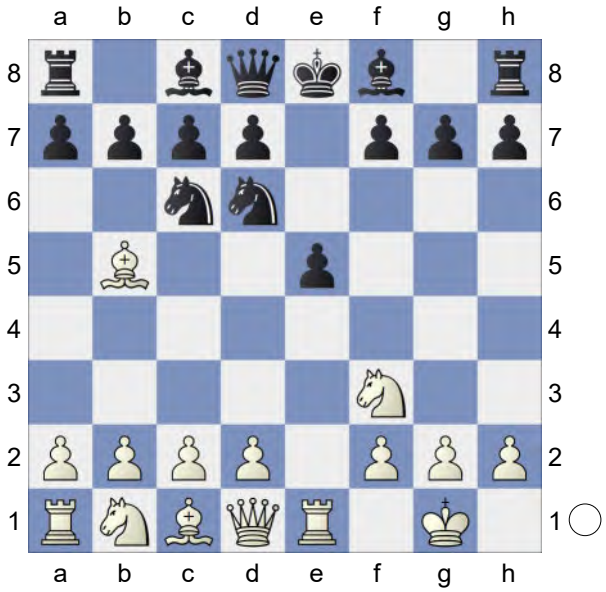
36 **C67**
□ **Dronavalli,Harika** **2489**
■ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2546**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (5.1)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence: 4 0-0 Nxe4 **1.e4** 23 **e5** 15 **2.Nf3** 9 **Nc6** 8 **3.Bb5** 11 **Nf6** 27 **4.0-0** 19 **Nxe4** 16 **5.Re1** 25 **Nd6!** 20



6.a4 38 **Be7** 59 **7.Nc3** 26 **a6** 58 **8.Bf1** -0.35/21 53
[8.Bxc6= 0.17/21 dxc6 9.Nxe5]

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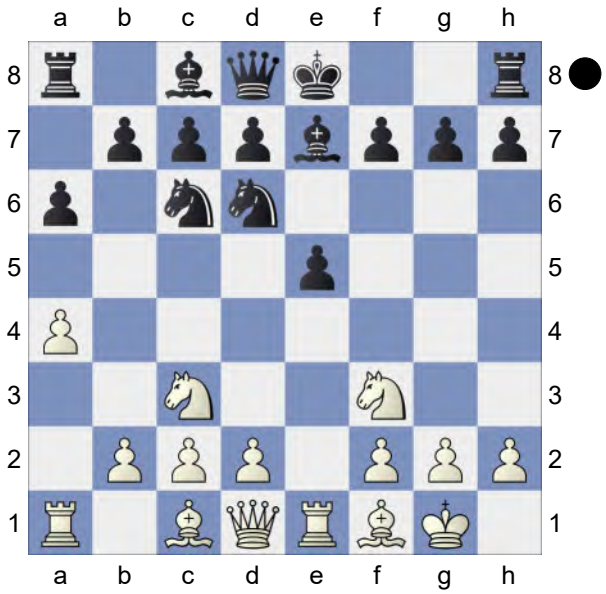
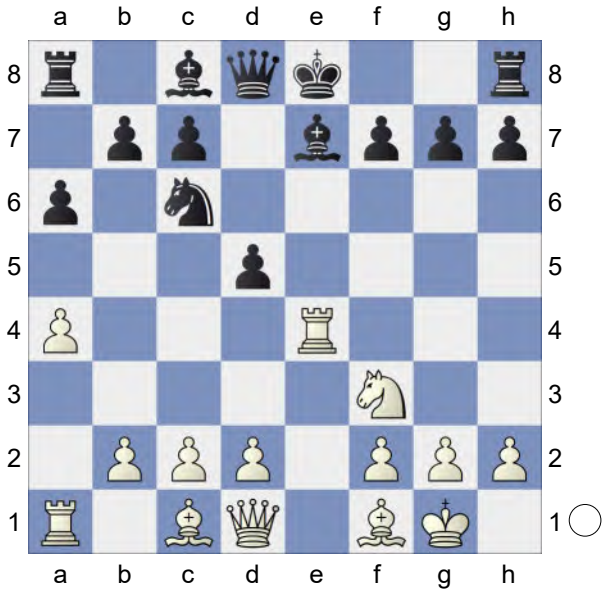


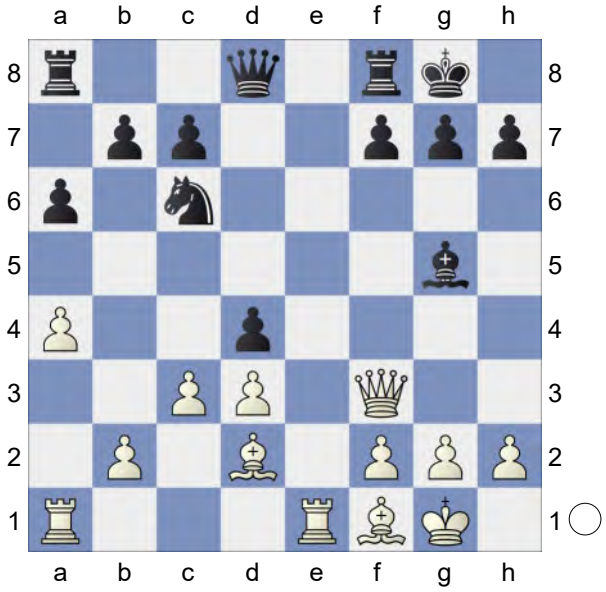
8...e4!∓ 46 Deflection **9.Nxe4** 40 **Nxe4** 10 **10.Rxe4** 6 **d5** 10



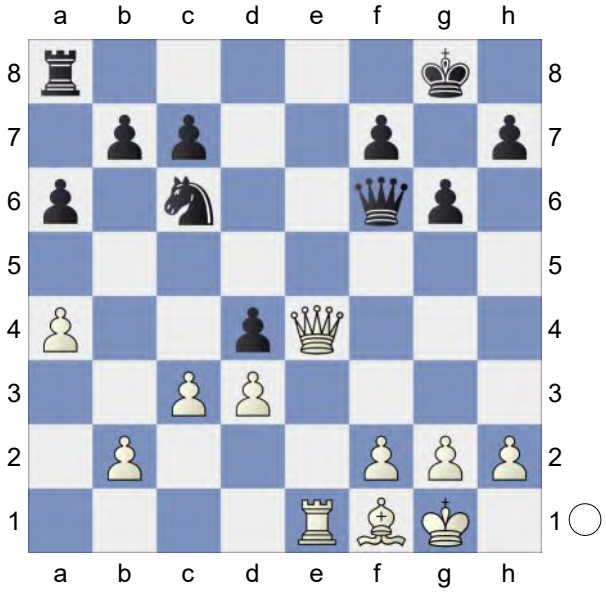
11.Re1 22 **Bg4** 41 **12.c3** 49
[12.h3 Bh5 13.Be2 0-0 14.d4 Re8 15.Ne5 Bxe2 16.Rxe2 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Qd7 18.Qd3 Rad8 19.b3 Qe6 20.Bd2 Qg6 21.f4 f5 22.b4 Qe6 23.c3 c5 24.bxc5 Bxc5+ 25.Be3 Bxe3+ 26.Qxe3 Rc8 1-0 C 06/32 (2736)-Grube,J (2780) Paris-ch Blitz 2015 (5)]
12...d4 4:34 **13.d3N** 24
[13.h3 Bh5 14.g4 Bg6 15.b4 0-0

16.Bb2 dxc3 17.dxc3 Qxd1 18.Raxd1 Bd6 19.b5 axb5 20.axb5 Na5 21.c4 Rfe8 22.Ne5 f6 23.Nxg6 Rxe1 24.Rxe1 hxg6 25.Bg2 Rd8 26.Bc3 b6 27.Bd5+ Kf8 6.a4 2024]

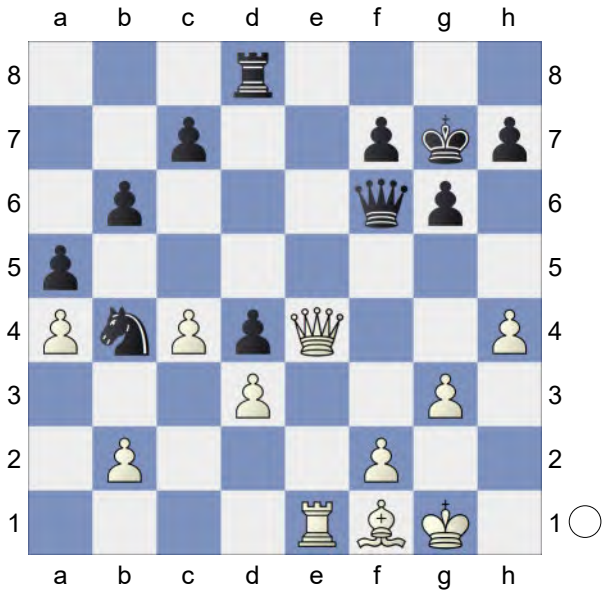
13...0-0 3:16 **14.Bd2** 21 **Bxf3** 10:35 **15.Qxf3** 8 **Bg5** 24



16.Rad1 5:32 **Bxd2** 6:59 **17.Rxd2** 18 **Re8** 1:36 **18.Rde2** 6:02 **Rxe2** 1:21 **19.Qxe2** 2:53 **g6** 3:46 **20.Qe4** 19:05 **Qf6** 1:32



21.c4 16 **a5** 3:18 **22.h4** 6:07 **Rd8** 2:07 **23.g3** 2:00 **Kg7** 1:26 **24.Bh3** 3:06 **Nb4** 2:31 **25.Bf1** 17 **b6** 2:13



26.Rc1 -0.83/24 6:45

[26.Qg2∓ -0.44/23]

26...Qd6 3:58 **27.h5** 8:08 **Qf6** 7:09

[27...gxh5 28.Qh4=]

28.Re1 51 **Qg5** -0.25/25 2:58

[28...gxh5∓ -0.81/24 29.b3 h4]

29.Qb7= 7:51 **Qc5** 2:13

[29...Qxh5? 30.Qxc7 Qg5 31.Qxb6+-]

30.Qe4 1:00 **Qg5** -0.01/21 6:55

[30...gxh5 31.Qf4=]

[30...Qxh5∓ -0.43/26 31.Qe7 Rd6 32.Qxc7 Rf6]

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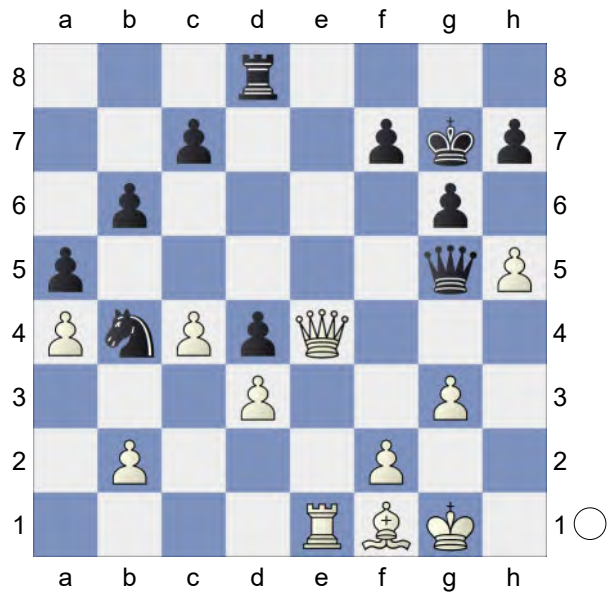
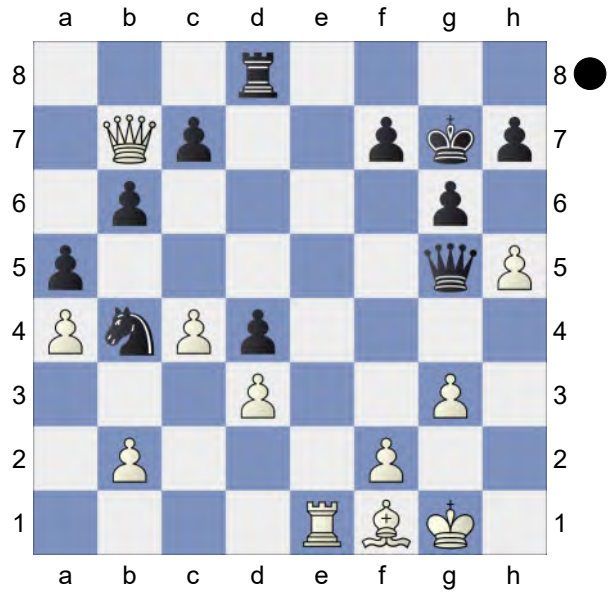


31.Qb7! 27 The position is equal.
31...Rd7 8:32
[31...Qxh5? too greedy. 32.Qxc7 Qg5 33.Qxb6+-]
32.Re8 8:27 **Rd8** 9:56 Against Qc8
[32...gxh5? loses. 33.Qc8 Qf5 34.Rd8+-]
33.Re1 53
[33.h6+ Kxh6 34.Rxd8 Qxd8=]



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37 **B86**
□ **Paehtz,Elisabeth** **2427**
■ **Assaubayeva,Bibisara** **2492**
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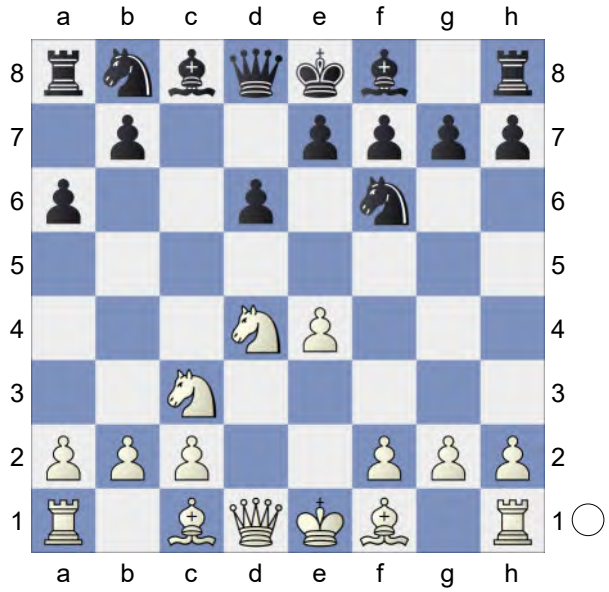
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
B86: Sicilian Scheveningen/Najdorf: 6 Bc4, without early ...b5 **1.e4** 2 **c5** 6 **2.Nf3** 3 **d6** 6 **3.d4** 3 **cxd4** 5 **4.Nxd4** 3 **Nf6** 10 **5.Nc3** 4 **a6** 7



6.Bc4 4 **e6** 1:21
[6...g6 7.f3 Bg7 8.Be3 b5 *(8...Qc7 9.Bb3 Nc6 10.Qd2 Bd7 11.g4 0-0 12.0-0-0 b5 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Bh6 a5 15.h4 a4 16.Bd5 Bxd5 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Qc4 20.Kb1 h6 21.Rhe1 Ra7 22.Re4 Qc5 23.h5* 0-1 Maroczy Bind,G (1777)-Fuksikova,I (1777) 129/(46) Wijk aan Zee 2016 (3)*)* 9.Bb3 Bb7 10.Qd2 Nbd7 11.Bh6 Bxh6 12.Qxh6 b4 13.Na4 Qa5 14.Qd2 0-0 15.a3 Qe5 16.axb4 d5 17.0-0-0 dxe4 18.f4 Qh5 19.Rhg1 e5 20.g4 Nxg4 21.Ne6 ½-½ Sutovsky,E (2692)-Stefansson,H (2557) EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (2)]

7.f4N 5
[7.0-0 b5 8.Bd3 Bb7 *(8...Be7 9.a3 0-0 10.Bg5 Bb7 11.Re1 Nbd7 12.Nf3 h6 13.Bh4 Qb6 14.Qe2 Rfe8 15.Rad1 Bc6 16.h3 Bf8 17.Qe3 Qxe3 18.Rxe3 Nh5 19.Nd4 Bb7 20.f3 d5 21.exd5 Bc5 22.dxe6 Bxd4 23.exd7* 0-1 Konstantinov,G (1985)-Evstatiev,G (2195) Sofia Hemus op 16th 2004 (2)*)* 9.a3 Nbd7 10.Be3 Nc5 11.f3 Nxd3 12.Qxd3 Qc7 13.Rfd1 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Qe2 Qe5 17.c3 Bd6 18.g3 0-0 19.Qf2 Rfd8 20.Re1 Qf6 21.f4 Qg6 1-0 Lehnert,H (1700)-Ludwig,I (1605) Bayern-ch Seniors 09th Schloss Schney 1997 (4) 22.f5 Qg4 23.Bd2 e5 24.Nc2 Bc5 25.Ne3 Qe4 26.Kf1 Qh1+ 27.Ke2 Qe4 28.Kf1 Qd3+ 29.Qe2 Be4 30.Rad1 Bxe3 31.Bxe3 Qxe2+ 32.Kxe2 Bxf5 33.Kf3 e4+ 34.Kf4 Bg6 35.g4 Rd3 36.h4 h6 1-0 Ellefsen,J (1700)-Basoglu,Y (1605) Foxwoods 84/467 2002 (4)]
7...Qc7 6:03 **8.Bb3** 9 **Nc6** 2:12 **9.f5** 7:57 **e5** 0.78/21 17:35
[9...Nxd4± 0.36/20 10.Qxd4 Be7]
10.Nf3 1:21 **b5** 0.93/22 2:00
[10...h6± 0.52/22]

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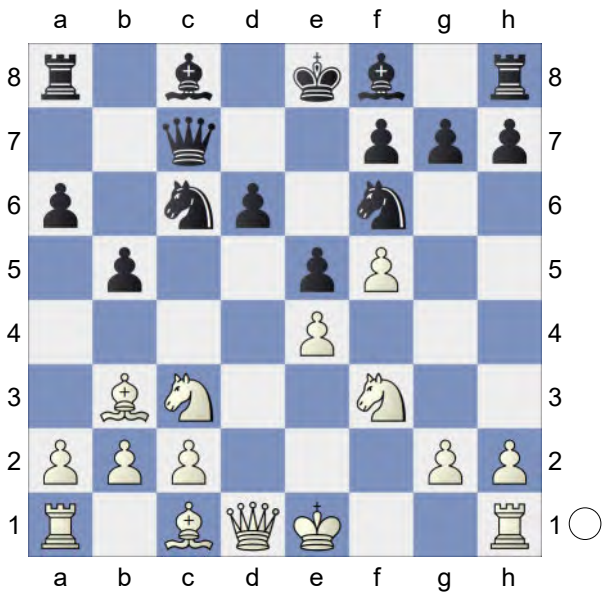
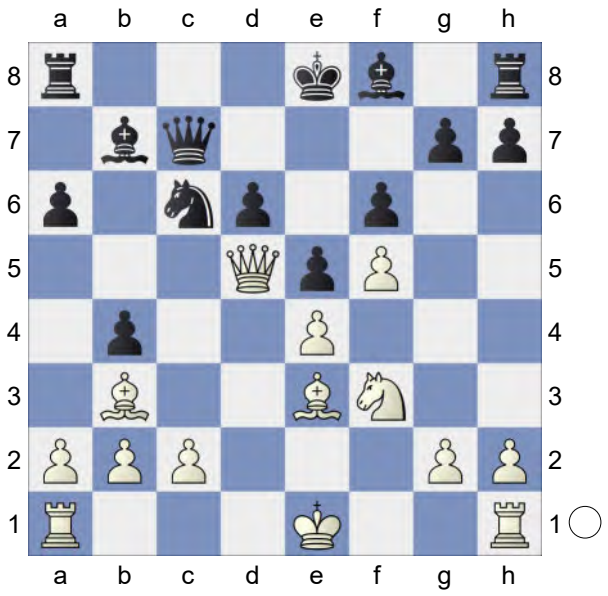


11.Bg5± 19:16 **b4** 2:38 **12.Nd5** 10 **Nxd5** 7 **13.Qxd5** 30 **f6** 17:31 **14.Be3** 5:45 **Bb7** 19



...Nd4! would now be deadly. **15.Qe6+** 4:35 **Qe7** 2:16

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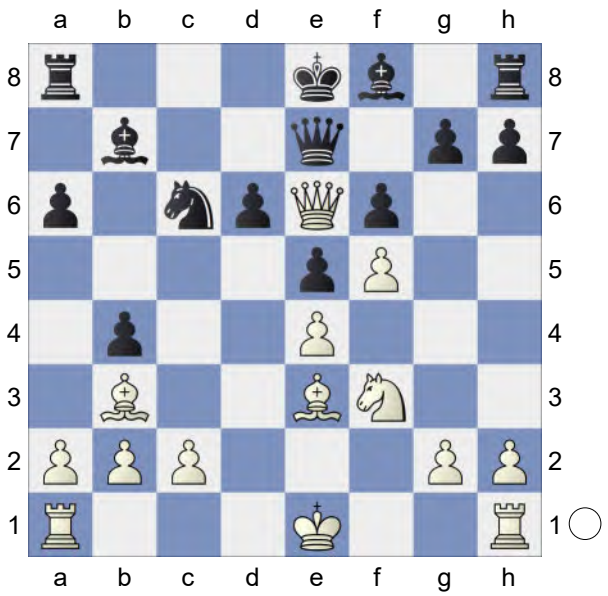


16.Qc4 21 **Qd7** 7:34 **17.Ba4** 0.86/22 1:25

[White should play 17.Qd3 1.24/21]

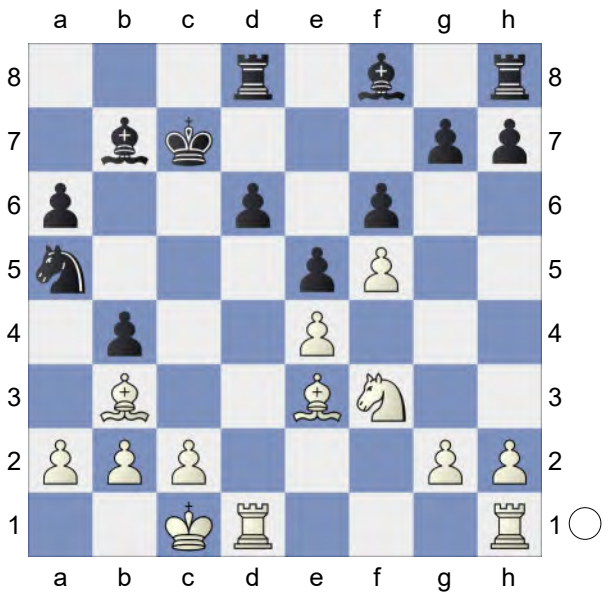
17...0-0-0 4:49 **18.0-0-0** 11:15 **Qc7** 1:51 Prevents Bb6. **19.Bb3** 0.01/23 16:20 White is much more active.

[Better is 19.Qe2± 0.81/24]

19...Na5= 4:36 **20.Qxc7+** 0.51/5 25

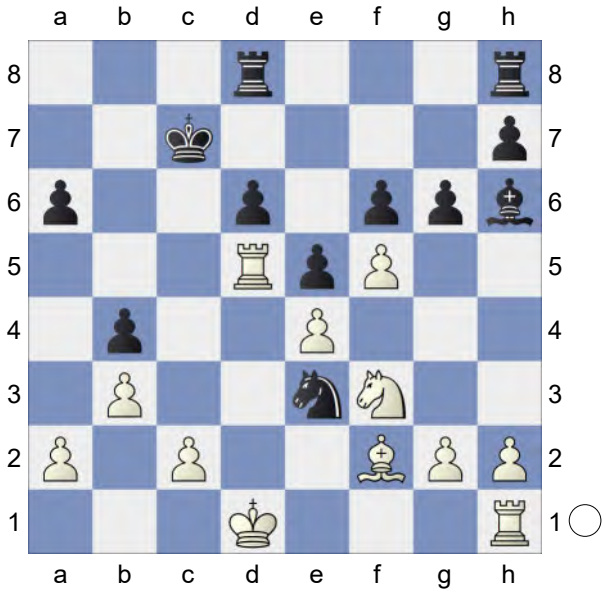
[20.Qxb4= -0.01/22 d5 21.Qb6 Qxb6 Remove Defender 22.Bxb6 Nxb3+ 23.axb3]

20...Kxc7± 1

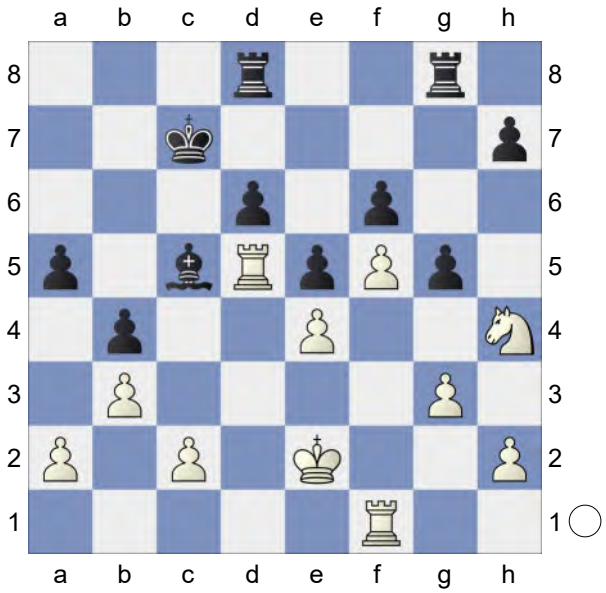


21.Bd5 6 **Bxd5** 3:31 **22.Rxd5** 1:13 **Nc4**

1:09 **23.Bf2** 51 **g6!** 25 **24.b3** 3:44 **Bh6+** 1:15 **25.Kd1** 2:53 **Ne3+** 4:26

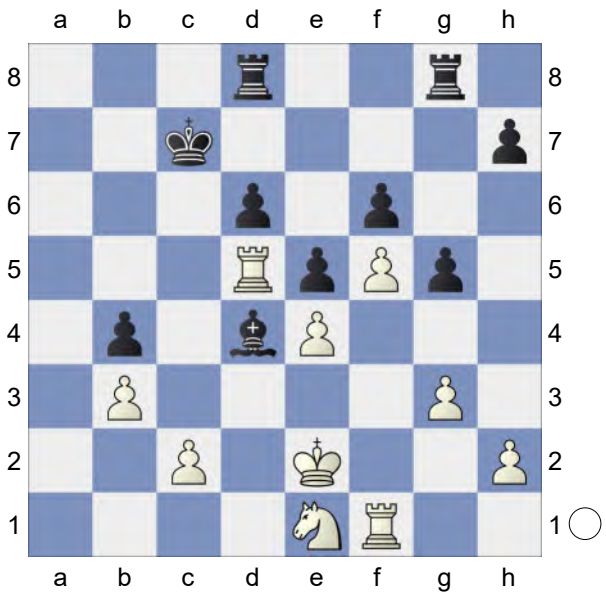


26.Bxe3 3 **Bxe3** 6 **27.Ke2** 40 **Bc5** 1:13 **28.Nh4!** 1:07 Black is weak on the light squares **28...Rhg8** 3:24 **29.g3!** 38 **a5** 26 **30.Rf1** 47 **g5** 4:13

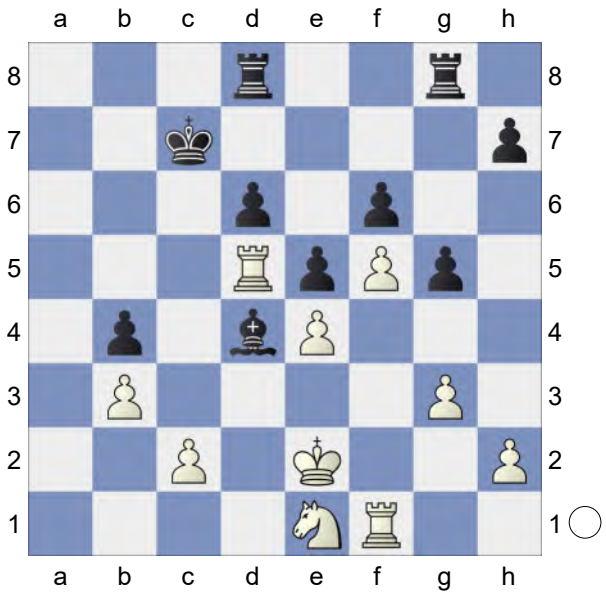


31.Ng2 5:08 **a4** 25 **32.Ne1** 1:26
[32.bxa4 Ra8 33.Rd3 Rxa4-+]
32...axb3 13 **33.axb3** 4 The position is equal. **33...Bd4** 5:15 **34.Nf3** 1:02 **Bc5** 1:06 **35.Ne1** 2:25 **Bd4!** 5

(Diagram)



36.Nf3 1:25 **Bc5** 1 **37.Ne1** 5:02 With the idea Nd3. **37...Bd4!** 26



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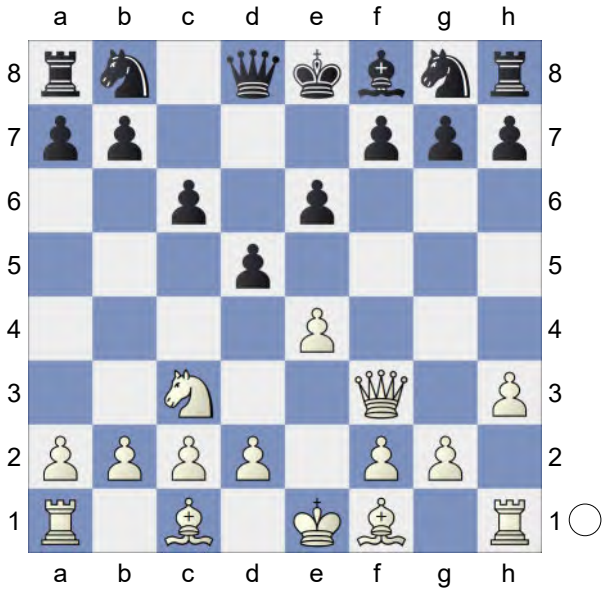
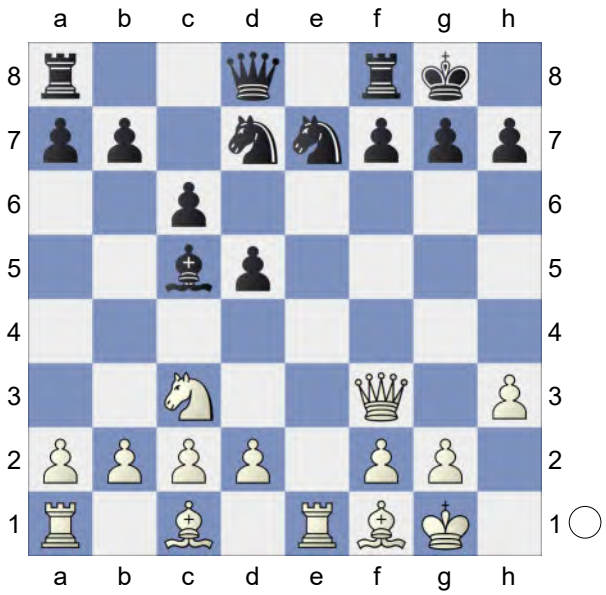
38 **B11**
□ **Munguntuul,Batkhuyag** **2331**
■ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2515**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (5.3)
[Kitty Kat]

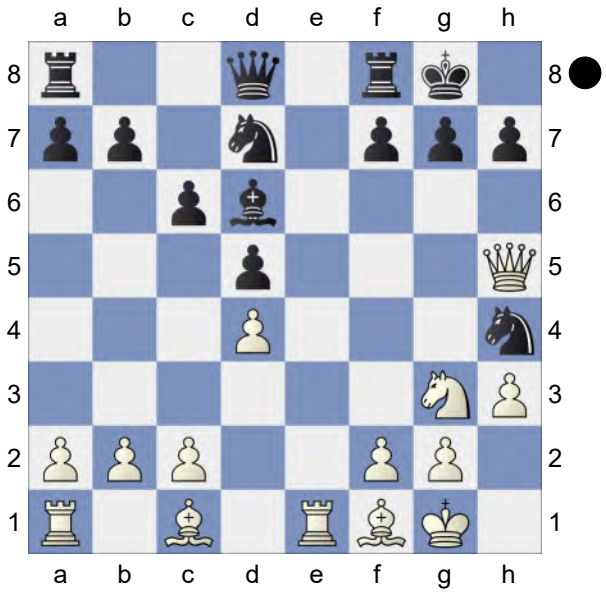
Blitz 1min
B11: Caro-Kann: Two Knights Variation
1.e4 30 **c6** 9 **2.Nc3** 0 **d5** 12 **3.Nf3** 1 **Bg4** 25 **4.h3** 8 **Bxf3** 13 **5.Qxf3** 2 **e6** 10



6.Be2 9 **Bc5** 37 **7.0-0** 2:23 **Nd7** 33 **8.exd5** 15:44
[8.Qg3 Ngf6 9.d3 0-0 10.Bd1 Ne8 11.Ne2 dxe4 12.dxe4 Nd6 13.Qf3 Qh4 14.Ng3 f5 15.b4 Bd4 16.Qd3 c5 17.bxc5 Bxc5 18.exf5 Ne5 19.Qb3 Nec4 20.Be2 exf5 21.Nh5 b5 22.Bf3 Rae8 0-1 Vykouk,J (2475)-Anton Guijarro,D (2655) CZE-chT 2223 Czech Republic 2022 (9.2)]
8...exd5 1:53 The position is equal.
[8...cxd5 9.Rd1 Ngf6 10.d4 Be7 11.Bd3 0-0 12.Bf4 Nb8 13.Ne2 Nc6 14.c3 Re8 15.Re1 g6 16.Ng3 Nd7 17.Re3 e5 18.Bh6 e4 19.Rxe4 Nf8 20.Rf4 f5 21.Nxf5 gxf5 22.Rxf5 Qd6 23.Qg4+ 1-0 Sudgen,J (2773)-Sprenger,E (2634) Greater Cup Final Manchester 2002]
9.Re1 6:02 **Ne7** 54 **10.Bf1N** 7:09
[10.Na4 Bd6 11.d4 0-0 12.Bd3 #19 9) Caro-Kann-3...Bg4 4.h3 Bxf3]
10...0-0 36



11.Ne2 4:26 **Ng6** 2:44 **12.d4** 1:24 **Bd6** 30 **13.Ng3** 13:26 **Nh4** 27:48 **14.Qh5** 14:20



aiming for Bg5. **14...Bxg3** 36 **15.fxg3** 3 **Ng6** 4

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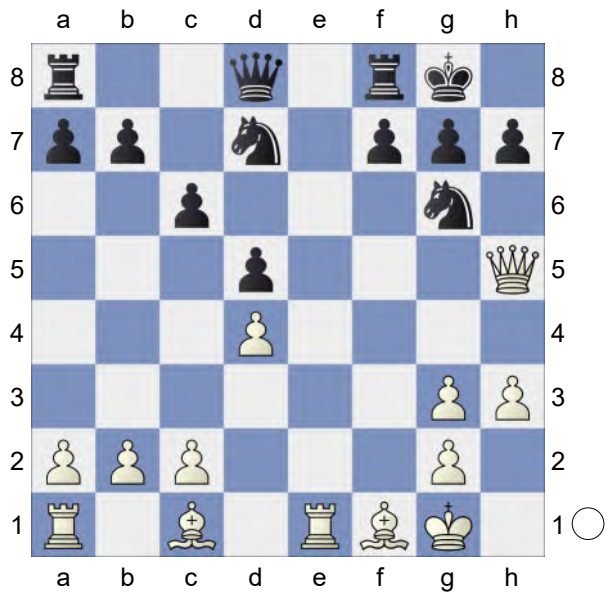
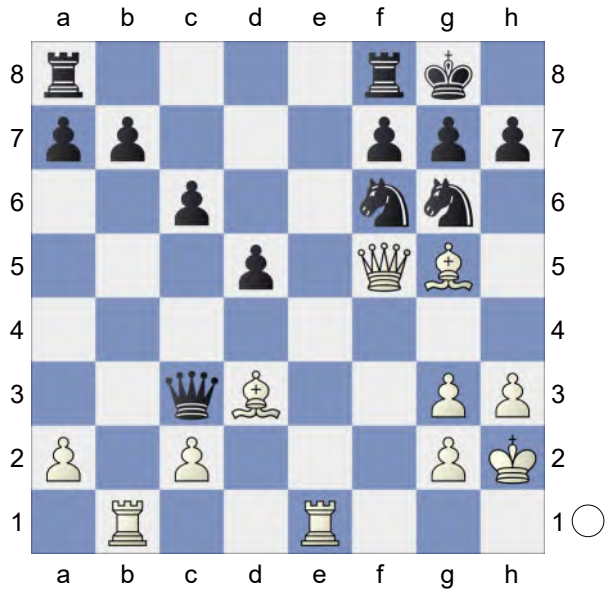
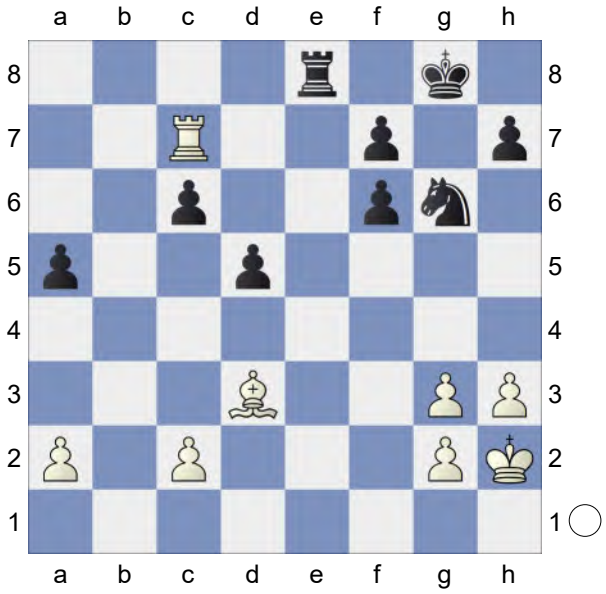


16.Bd3 -0.01/24 2:23
[16.Qf5± 0.35/23]
16...Qb6= 3:06 **17.Qf5** 4:54 **Nf6** 3:54 **18.Bg5** 15 **Qxd4+** 3:05 **19.Kh2** 2 **Qxb2** 3:59 **20.Rab1!** 7 **Qc3** 19
[20...Qxa2 21.Bxf6 *(21.Rxb7 Ne4±)* 21...gxf6 22.Qxf6+-]

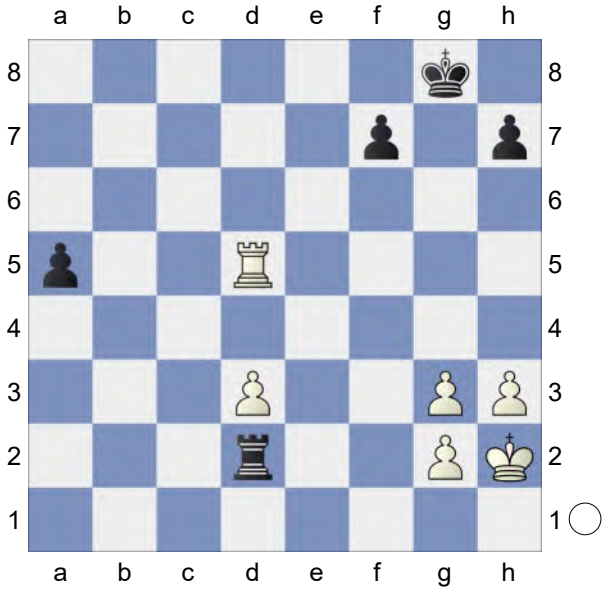


21.Bxf6! 2:48 **Qxf6** 3:03 **22.Rxb7** 4:15 **a5** 11:55 **23.Rc7** 5:39 **Rfe8** 0.74/25 15:28
[23...Qxf5= 0.01/25 24.Bxf5 Rae8 25.Rxe8 Rxe8]

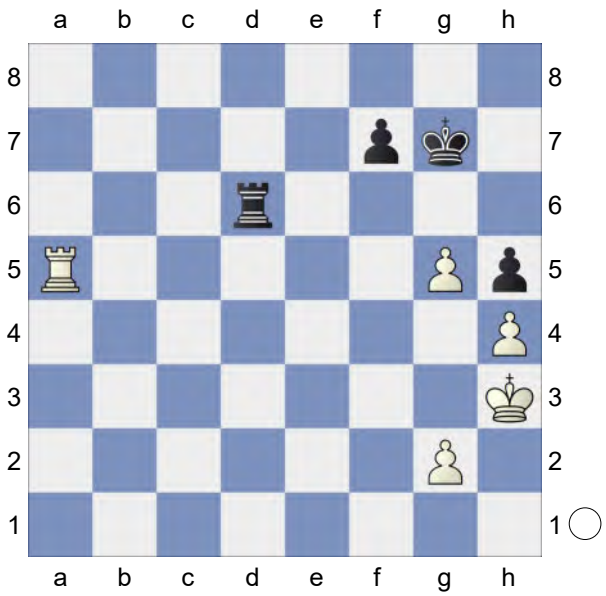
24.Rxe8+ 30 **Rxe8** 3 **25.Qxf6** 47 **gxf6** 4



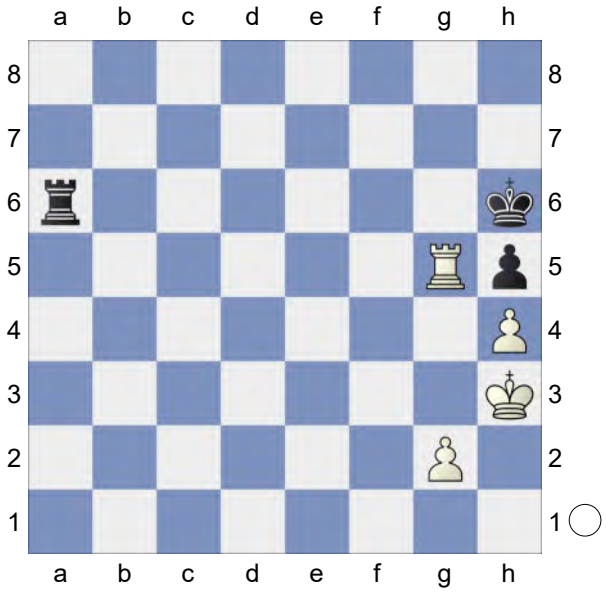
26.Rxc6 1:58 White is more active.
26...Ne5 15 **27.Rxf6** 1:00 **Nxd3** 5 **28.cxd3±** 7 Endgame. KR-KR **28...Re2** 52 **29.Rd6** 2:09 **Rxa2** 58 **30.Rxd5** 2 **Rd2** 1:41



31.Rxa5 12 **Rxd3** 5 **32.g4** 22 **Kg7** 52 **33.h4** 13 **Rd6** 2:37 **34.Kh3** 1:24 **h6** 3:40 **35.g5** 0.22/25 2:27
[35.Rf5± 0.90/25]
35...h5!= 2:00
(Diagram)



36.Rf5 13 **Kg6** 1:39 **37.Rf3** 13 **f6** 2:33 White has an edge. **38.gxf6** 2:50 **Rxf6** 5 **39.Rg3+** 1:33 **Kh6** 6 **40.Rg5** 0 **Ra6** 0



41.Rb5 4:39

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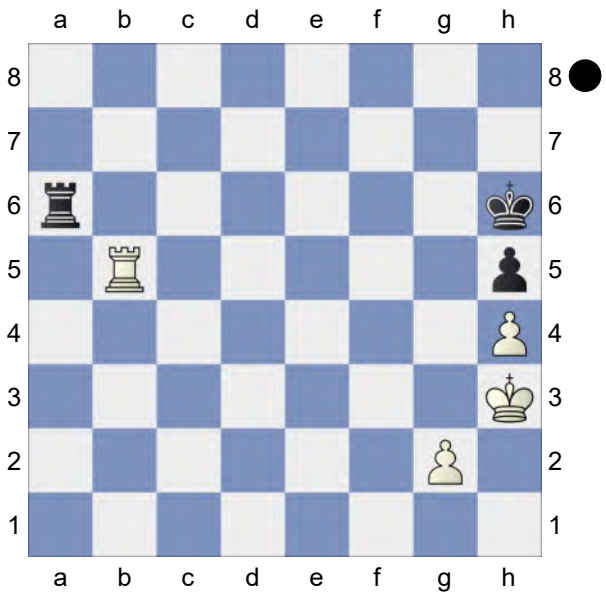

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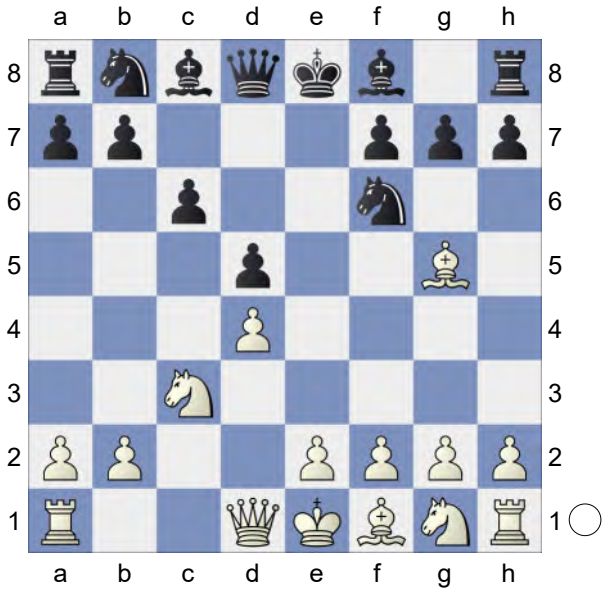
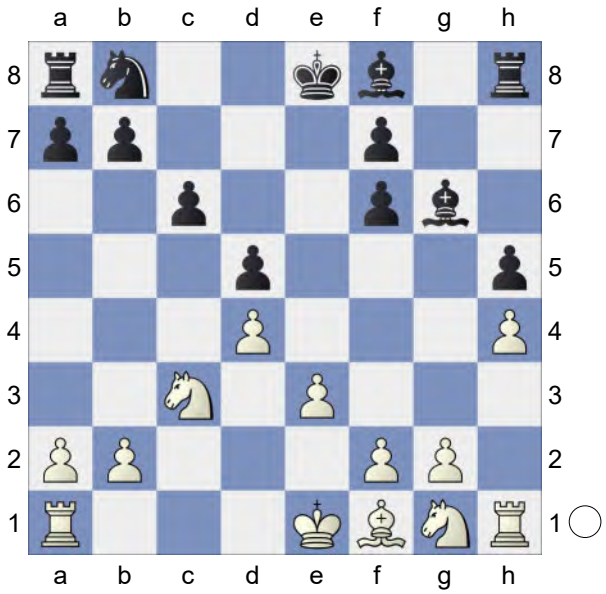
39 **D35**
□ **Kosteniuk,Alexandra** **2484**
■ **Khademalsharieh,Sarasadat** **2458**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (5.4)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.d4** 4 **d5** 17 **2.c4** 7 **e6** 9 **3.Nc3** 11 **Nf6** 13 **4.cxd5** 15 **exd5** 21 **5.Bg5** 20 **c6** 38



6.e3 16 **Bf5** 18 **7.Qf3** 17 **Bg6** 5 **8.Bxf6** 11 **Qxf6** 5 **9.Qxf6** 5 **gxf6** 6 **10.h4** 11 **h5** 21

(Diagram)



11.Rd1 13
[11.Nge2 Bd6 12.Nf4 Nd7 13.g3 Nb6 14.Rc1 a5 15.f3 Ke7 16.Kf2 Rad8 17.a3 Rhe8 18.Be2 Kf8 19.Rhe1 Kg7 20.Bf1 Kh6 21.g4 Re7 22.Nxh5 Bxh5 23.gxh5 Kxh5 24.f4 Rde8 25.Ne2 Rxe3 1-0 Sudgen,J (2766)-Sivenkov,O (2668) Anand-Topalov Sofia 2006 (2.1)]
11...Bb4N 6:24
[11...Nd7 12.Bd3 Rg8 13.Nge2 Bd6 14.Rh3 Bxd3 15.Rxd3 Rg4 16.Kf1 0-0-0 17.f3 Rg6 18.e4 Nb6 19.exd5 Nxd5 20.Nxd5 cxd5 21.Rb3 a6 22.f4 Kb8 23.Rhg3 Rdg8 24.a4 Rc8 25.Rbc3 Re8 26.Rge3 1-0 Keymer,V (2717)-Fressinet,L (2643) Bundesliga 2324 Germany 2023 (12.3)]
12.Bd3 36 **Bxc3+** 56 **13.bxc3** 8 **Nd7** 36 **14.Ne2** 1:23 **Bxd3** 8:10 **15.Rxd3** 6 **Nb6** 2

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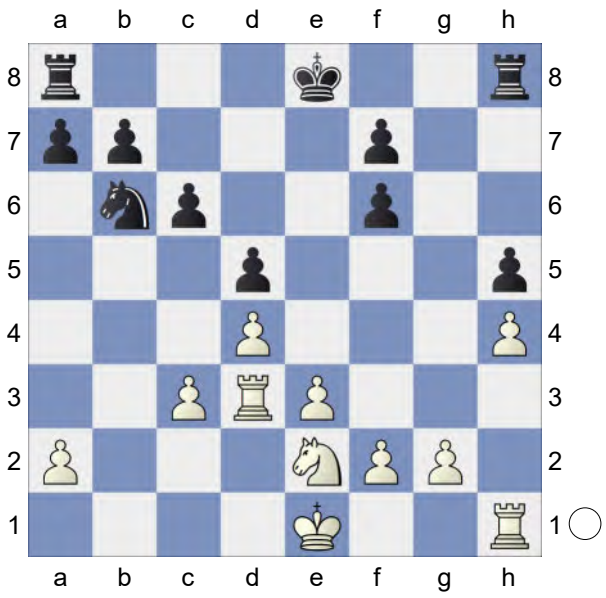
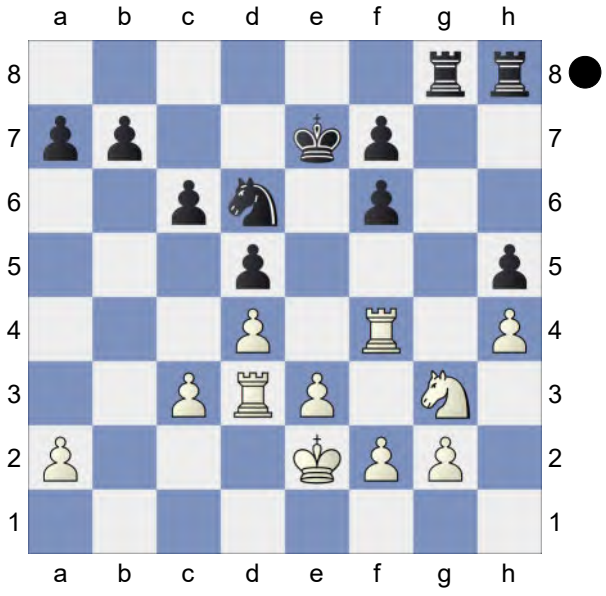


16.Rh3 7:29 **Nc4** 2:29 **17.Rf3** 2:19 **Ke7** 2:27 **18.Rf4** 2:09 **Rag8** 4:14 **19.Ng3** 9:33 **Nd6** 3:15 **20.Ke2** 13:17



f5! 11:45

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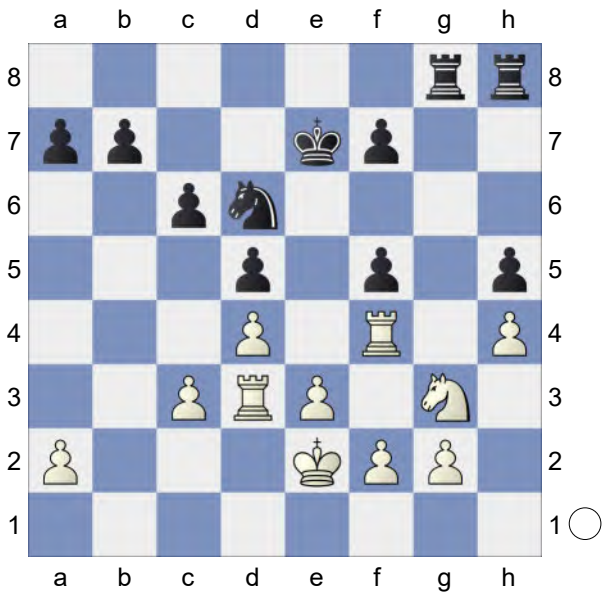
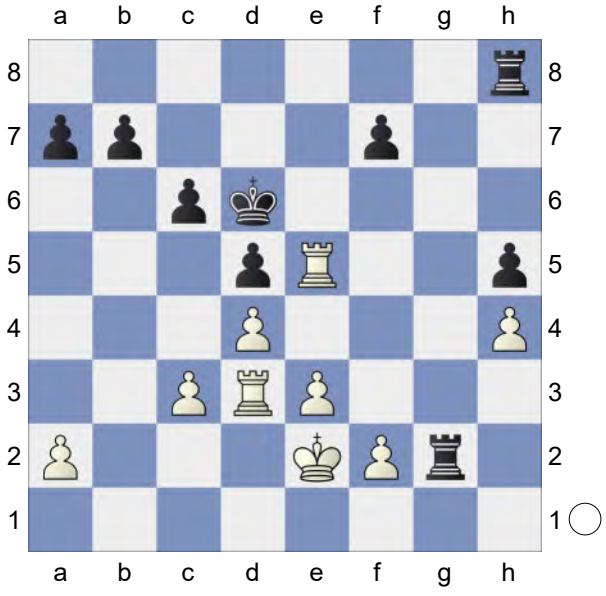


21.Nxf5+ 1:54 **Nxf5** 14 **22.Rxf5** 5 **Rxg2=** 6 KRR-KRR **23.Re5+** 17 The position is equal. **23...Kd6** 44 **24.Rf5** 4:28 **Ke6** 1:19 **25.Re5+** 7:46 **Kd6** 11



26.Rf5 12 **Ke6** 6 **27.Re5+** 4

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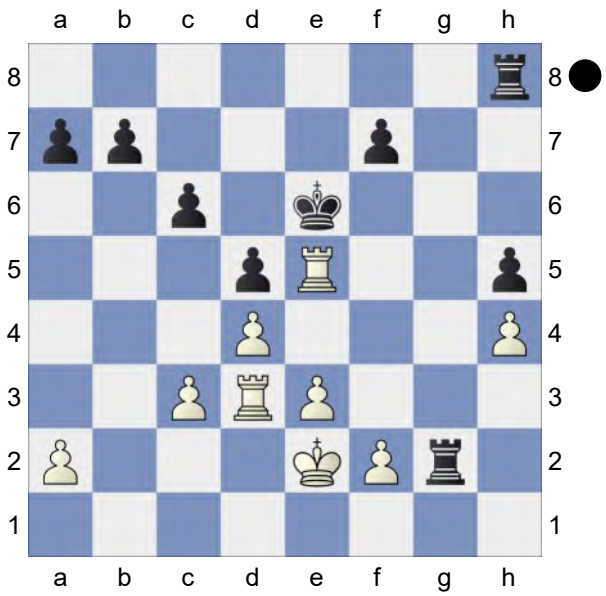

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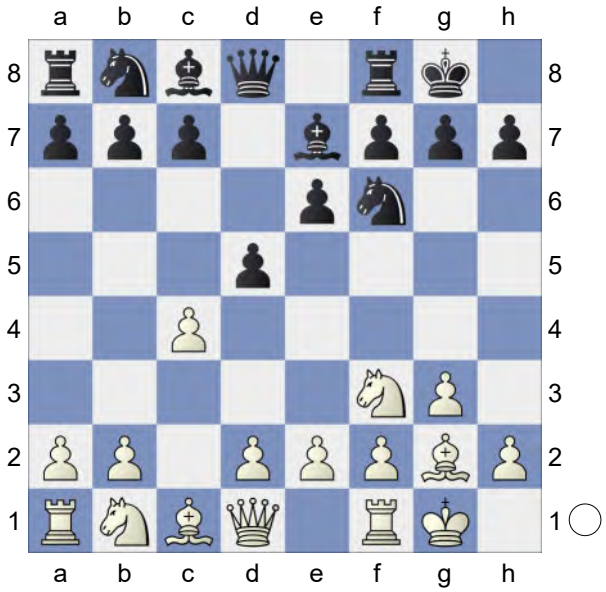
40 **A14**
□ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2561**
■ **Koneru,Humpy** **2523**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (5.5)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
A14: English Opening: 1...e6 with b3 by White **1.c4** 3 **e6** 19 **2.Nf3** 8 **d5** 43 **3.g3** 7 **Nf6** 27 **4.Bg2** 7 **Be7** 39 **5.0-0** 11 **0-0** 21



6.b3 17 **d4** 1:14 **7.e3** 21 **c5** 32 **8.Ne5** 2:35 Prevents Nc6. **8...Qc7** 13:53 **9.f4** 3:13 **Nfd7** 1:33 White has an edge. **10.exd4** 1:27 **cxd4** 11

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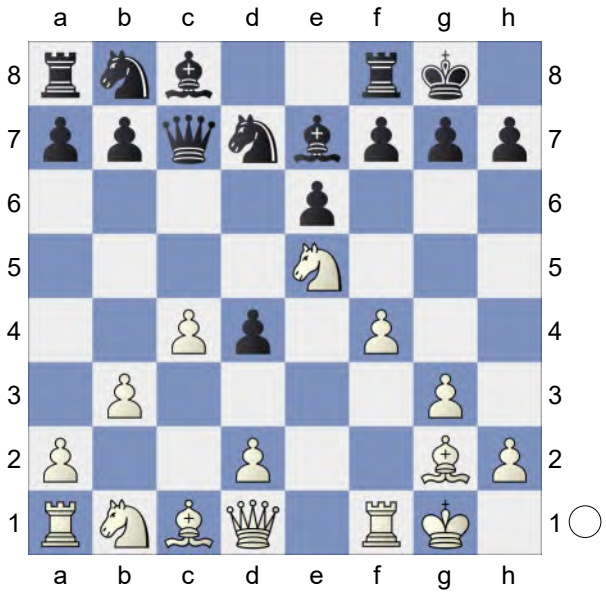
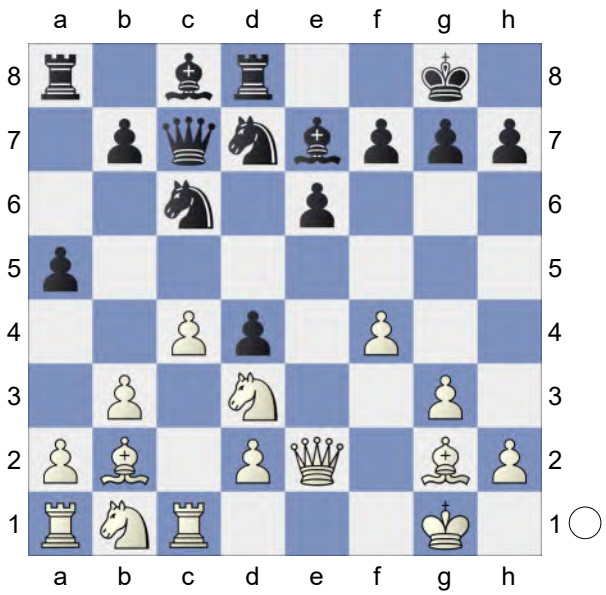


11.Nd3 1:36 **Nc6** 25 **12.Ba3** 38 Hoping for Bxc6. **12...Nb6N** 0.61/20 26:23
[12...Qd8= 0.17/19 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Qc1 4) Setups with e6/d5,B-e6/d5 Setups: 3...Nf6 4.Nf3]
13.Qe2 3:49 **Rd8** 2:37 **14.Rc1** 5:29 **a5** 1:13 **15.Bb2** 6:15 **Nd7** 6:26



16.Na3 4:26 **Nc5** 58 **17.Nb5** 53 **Qb6** 54 **18.Nxc5** 4:52 **Bxc5** 1:49 **19.d3** 37 **Bd7** 2:13 **20.a4** 1:20 **Ne7** 6:55

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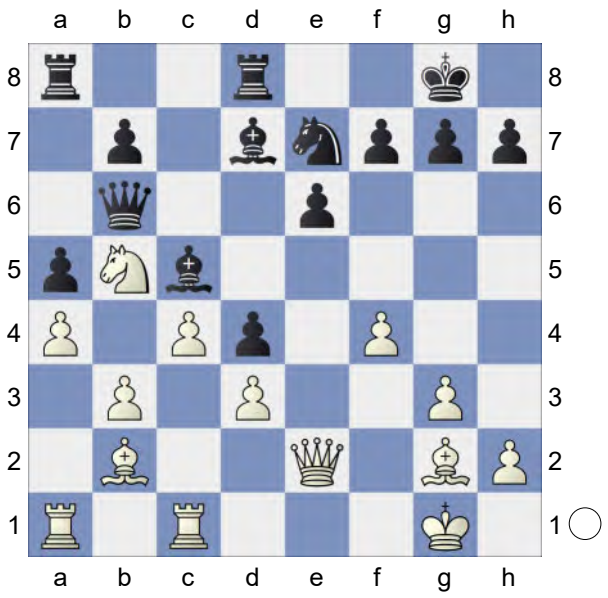
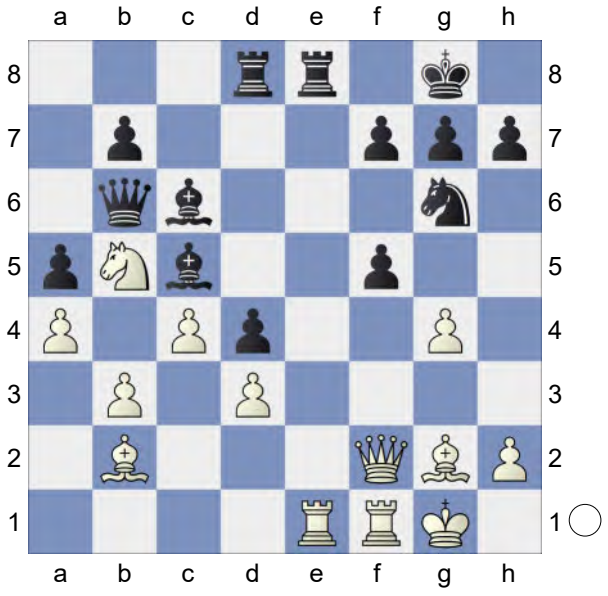
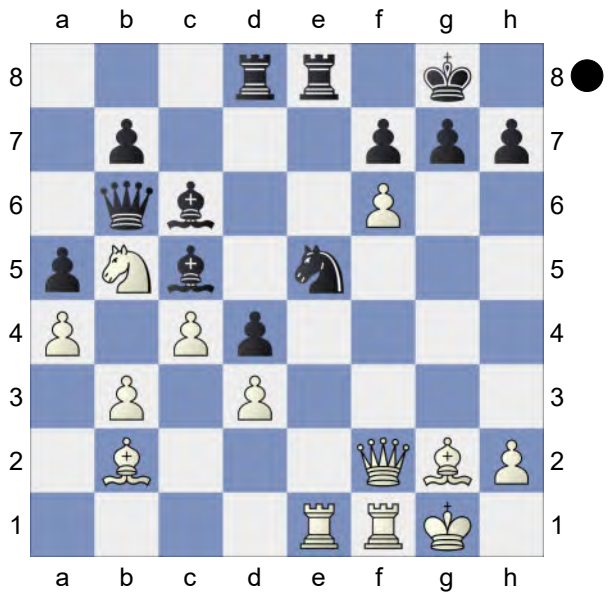


21.g4 1:16 **Bc6** 3:03 **22.Rf1** 51 **Re8** 3:21 **23.Qf2** 2:10 **Rad8** 1:02 **24.Rae1** 13 **Ng6** 3:39 **25.f5** 12:14 **exf5** 6

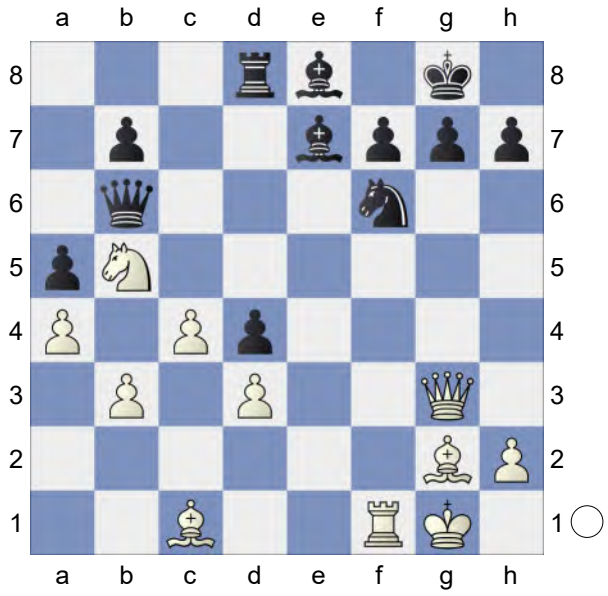


aiming for ...Rxe1. **26.gxf5** -0.75/23 9
[26.Rxe8+!= -0.01/25 keeps the balance. Bxe8 *(26...Rxe8 27.Bxc6 Qxc6 28.Bxd4∓)* 27.gxf5]
26...Ne5∓ 1:56 **27.f6** 10:24

(Diagram)



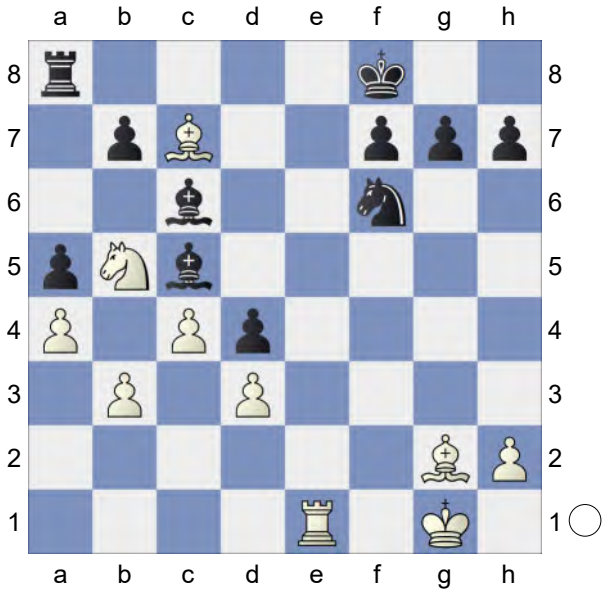
Threatens to win with Rxe5! **27...Ng4** -0.39/21 3:30
[Black should try 27...g6!∓ -1.15/24 28.Qg3 Bxg2 29.Kxg2 Qc6+ 30.Kh3 Qc8+ 31.Kg2 Ng4]
28.Rxe8+∓ 31 **Bxe8** 0.01/22 1:24
[28...Rxe8∓ -0.40/24 29.Qf4 *(29.Qg3 h5∓)* 29...Ne3 *(29...Nxf6 30.Bxd4 Bxg2 31.Kxg2=)*]
29.Qg3↑ 10 White has the initiative.
29...Nxf6 58 **30.Bc1** 12 **Be7** 5:28



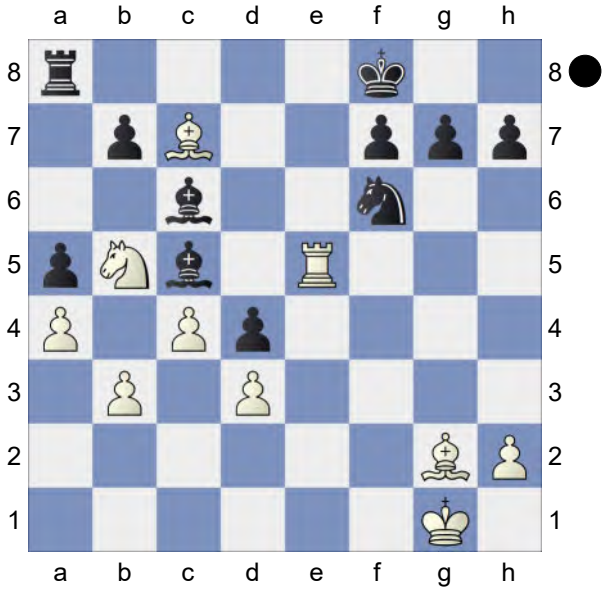
31.Qe5 17:16 **Kf8** 14 **32.Bf4** 5:03 **Bc6** 3:11 **33.Re1** 5:07 **Qc5** 0.65/21 1:02

[33...Bc5= -0.21/25 34.Qc7 Qxc7 35.Bxc7 Ra8]

34.Qxc5!± 3:10 **Bxc5** 6 **35.Bc7** 3 **Ra8** 33



36.Re5! 33



Deflection **36...Bb4** 2:17

[But not 36...Nd7? 37.Rxc5 Nxc5 38.Bd6+ *(38.Nxd4? Bxg2 39.Bd6+ Ke8-+)* 38...Kg8 39.Bxc5+-]

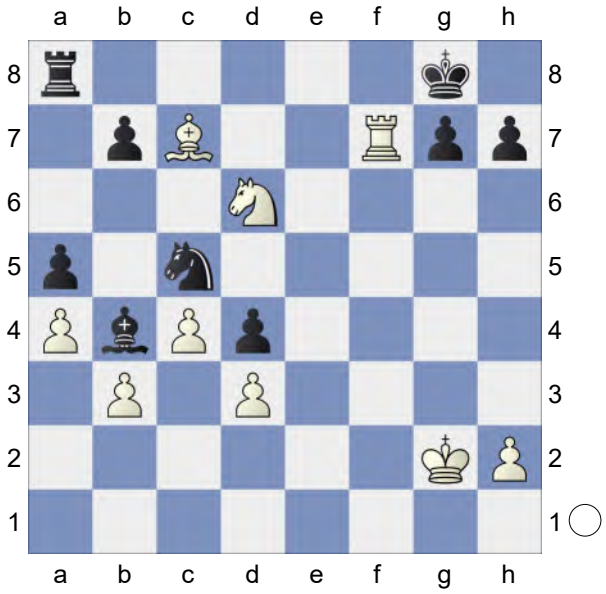
37.Rf5 3:15 **Nd7** 4:16 **38.Nd6** -0.36/24 2:47

[38.Nxd4= 0.01/23 deserves consideration. g6 39.Nxc6 bxc6 40.Bxc6]

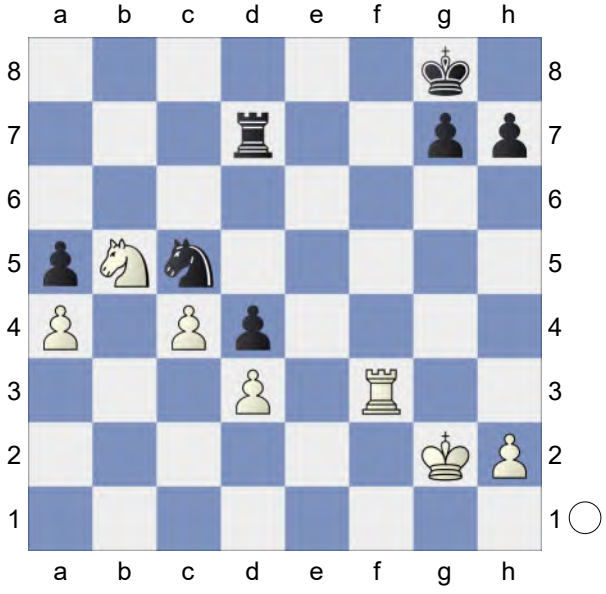
38...Bxg2 2:20 **39.Kxg2** 1:36

[39.Rxf7+ Kg8 40.Kxg2 *(40.Rxd7? perishes. Bh3-+)* 40...Nf6∓]

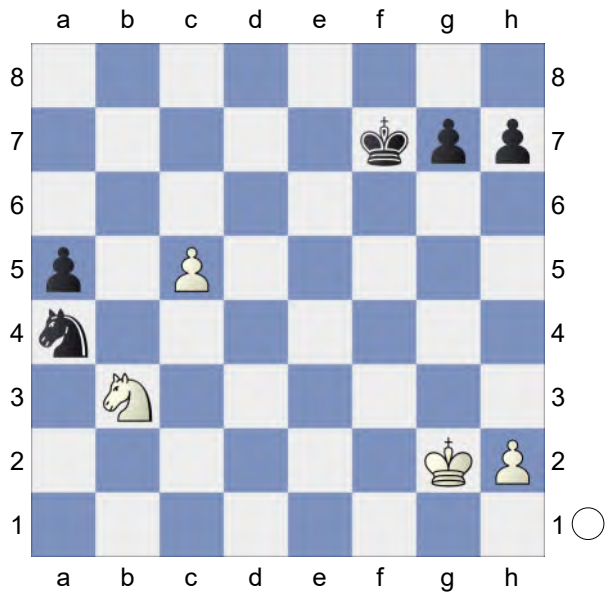
39...Nc5! 3 **40.Rxf7+** 0 **Kg8** 0



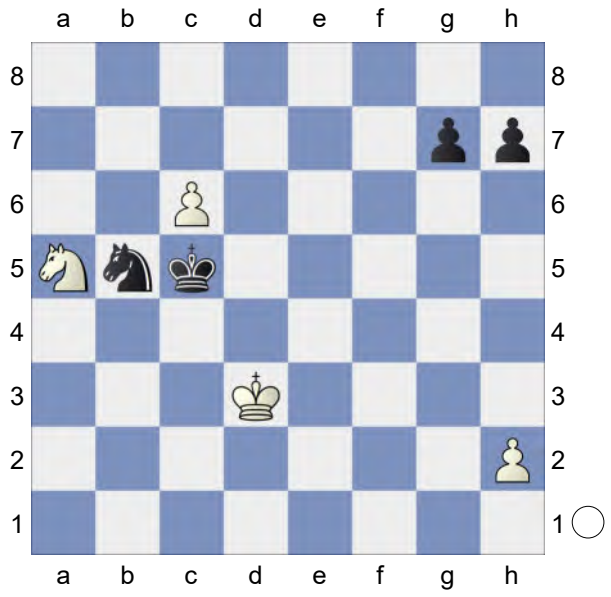
41.Rf3 6:02 **Nxb3** 5:32 **42.Nxb7** 2:08 **Ra7** 2:53 **43.Bd6!** 7 **Bxd6** 6:40 **44.Nxd6=** 5 Endgame. KRN-KRN **44...Nc5** 14 **45.Nb5** 18 **Rd7** 41



46.Rf4 7:15 **Nxd3** 6:48 **47.Rxd4** 7 **Rxd4** 11 **48.Nxd4** 5 KN-KN **48...Nb2** 1:27 The position is equal. **49.c5** 25 **Nxa4** 9 **50.Nb3** 5 **Kf7** 10



51.Kf3 2:49 **Ke6** 3:31 **52.Ke4** 31 **Nc3+** 14 **53.Kd3** 9 **Nb5** 12 ...a4 would now be deadly. **54.Nxa5** 50 **Kd5** 29 **55.c6** 2:55 **Kc5** 17



56.Ke4 1:00 **Kb6** 13 **57.Nc4+** 8:51 **Kxc6** 6 **58.Ke5** 38 **Kd7** 13 **59.h4** 28 **Ke7** 22 **60.h5** 1:18 **Kf7** 54

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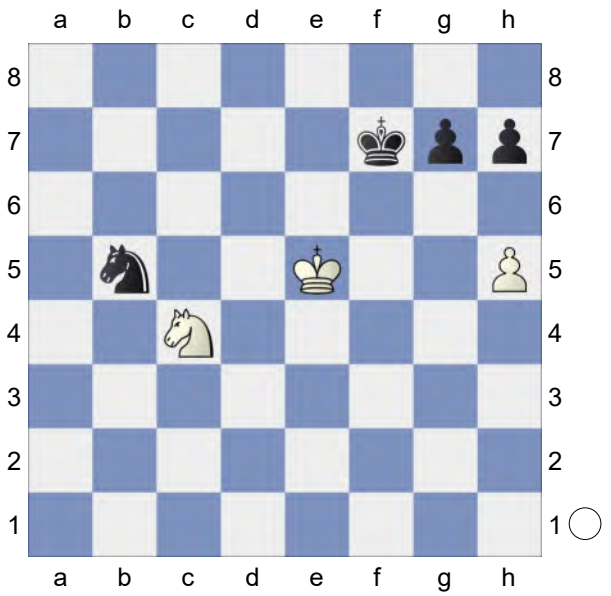
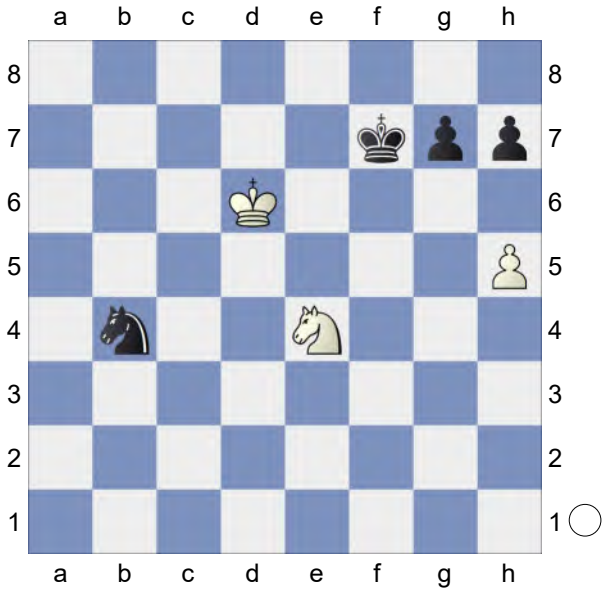
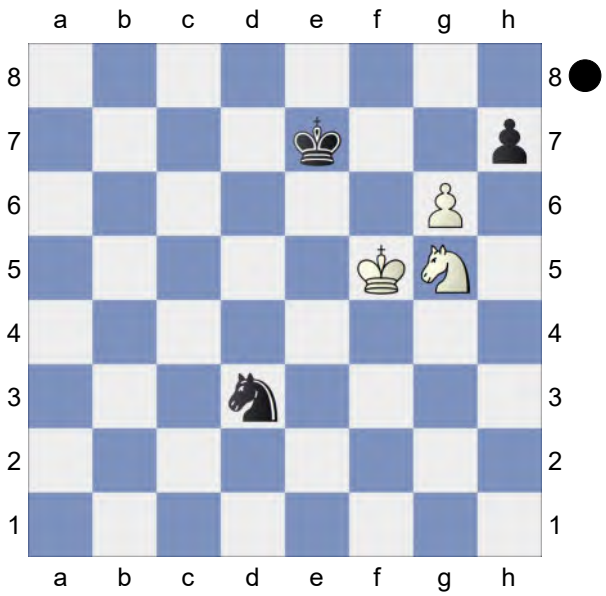


61.Nd2 27 **Na7** 1:38 **62.Ne4** 23 **Nc6+** 7 **63.Kd6** 41 **Nd4** 9 **64.Ke5** 51 **Nc6+** 20 **65.Kd6** 5 **Nb4** 17



66.Ke5 45 **Nd3+** 26 **67.Kf5** 6 **Ke7** 43 **68.Ng5** 21 **g6+** 32 **69.hxg6** 9

(Diagram)



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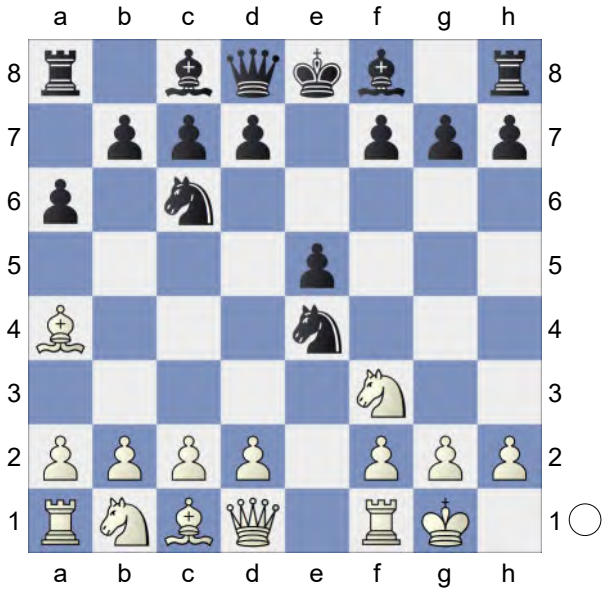
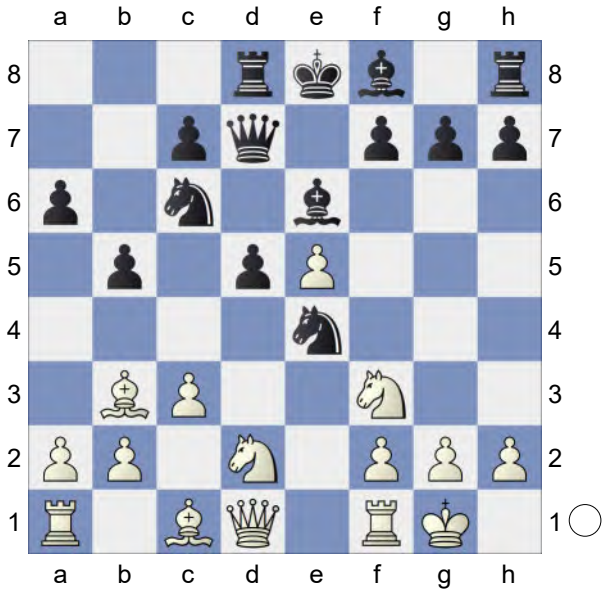
41 **C82**
□ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2546**
■ **Koneru,Humpy** **2523**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (6.1)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7 Sokolov,Andrei: 'Sokolov,And: 'Inf 97/231" **1.e4** 10 **e5** 14 **2.Nf3** 18 **Nc6** 14 **3.Bb5** 25 **a6** 21 **4.Ba4** 19 **Nf6** 22 **5.0-0** 48 **Nxe4** 33



6.d4 1:27 **b5** 20 **7.Bb3** 24 **d5** 17 **8.dxe5** 38 **Be6** 32 **9.c3** 40 **Qd7N** 9:05
[9...Bc5 10.Qd3 0-0 11.Be3 f6 12.exf6 Qxf6 13.Bxd5 Rad8 14.Bxe6+ Qxe6 15.Qe2 Nxf2 16.Kxf2 Rde8 17.Re1 Qd6 18.Qd2 Rxf3+ 19.Kxf3 Ne5+ 20.Ke2 Qc6 14.g4 hg4 15. ♗f6 ♗f6-D41 Bxf6 (ol) 121/114 Tromso 2014]
[9...Be7 10.Nbd2 *(10.Bc2 0-0 11.Nbd2 Bf5 12.a4 Bg6 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Qxa8 15.Nb3 Rd8 16.Qe2 b4 17.c4 Qa6 18.Bd3 Nc5 19.Nxc5 Bxc5 20.e6 f6 21.Bxg6 hxg6 22.Qc2 Ne7 23.cxd5 Rxd5 24.Re1 g5* 1-0 Lyutsinger,I (2127)-Strikovic,A (2401) New York Blitz Fuel IM-C 2025 (2)*; 10.Be3 Nc5 11.Ng5 Bxg5 12.Bxc5 Be7 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Nd2 0-0 15.Nf3 c5 16.Ng5 Nf5* C 83/05 2000*)* 10...0-0 11.Qe2 Nxd2 12.Bxd2 Na5 13.Bc2 c5 14.Rad1 Qd7 15.h3 Nc6 16.Bg5 Rfe8 17.Rfe1 Rad8 18.Qe3 Bxg5 19.Nxg5 Bf5 20.e6 fxe6 21.Bxf5 exf5 22.Qxc5 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 d4 24.cxd4 ½-½ Sokolov,A (2628)-Predojevic,B (2566) (ol) 97/231 Torino 2006]
10.Nbd2 5:09 **Rd8** 0.94/21 5:49
[10...Be7± 0.31/20]



11.Qe2 0.45/22 6:39
[11.Nxe4!± 0.94/21 Neg5 would now be deadly. dxe4 12.Qxd7+ Rxd7 13.Ng5]
11...Nc5± 8:29 White is slightly better.
12.Nd4 5:53 **Bg4** 13:01 **13.Qe3** 10:51 **Ne6** 9:10 **14.Nxc6** 5:22 **Qxc6** 9 **15.Qg3** 31 **Bf5** 3:30

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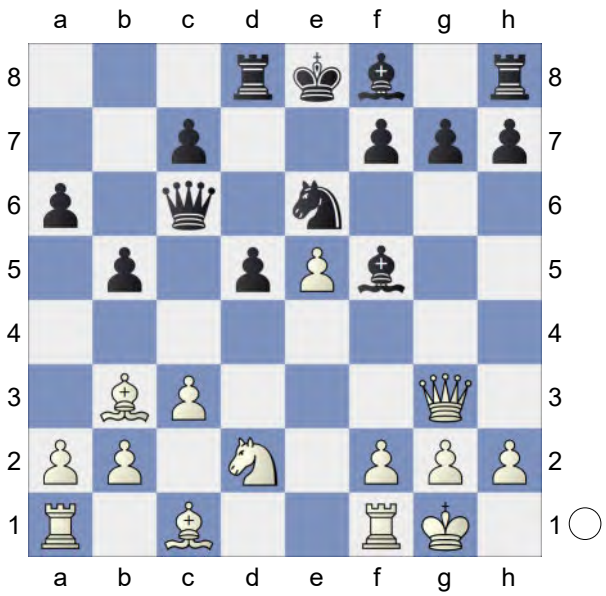
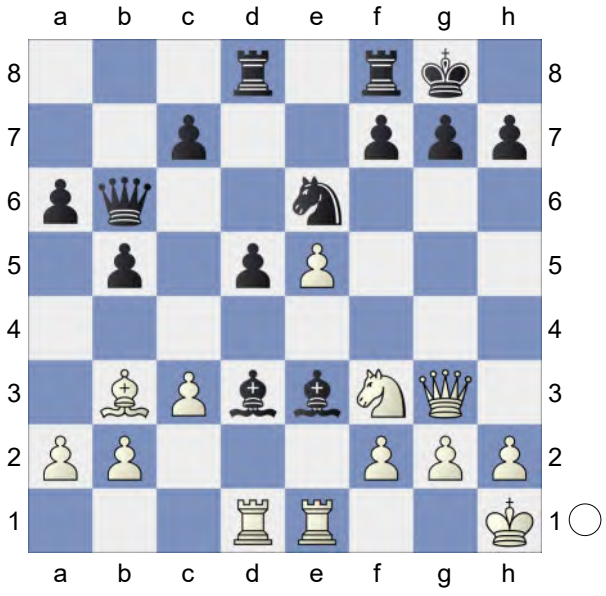
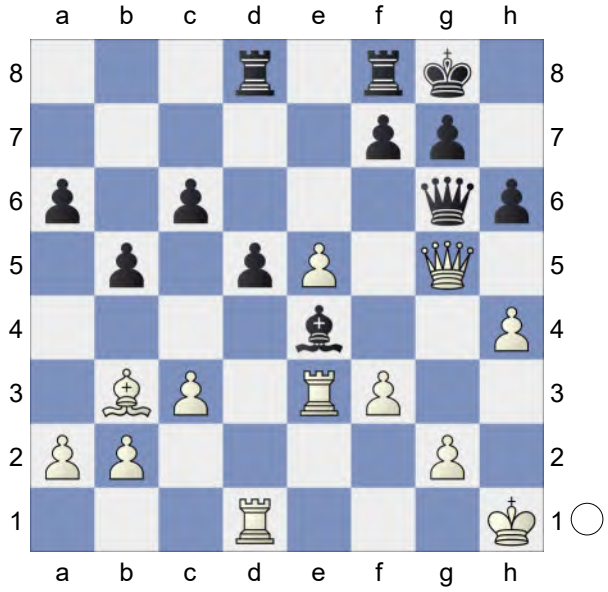


16.Nf3 2:28 **Bc5** 1:45 Prevents Nd4.
17.Kh1 4:12 **Bd3** 8:04 **18.Re1** -0.05/22 2:25
[18.Rd1± 0.51/23 Be4 19.Ng5]
18...Qb6 3:20 **19.Be3** 4:43 **0-0** 2:47
20.Rad1 -0.20/24 1:01
[⌓20.Nd4 0.18/23 Bg6 21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.Bxc5 Qxc5 23.Kg1]
20...Bxe3= 5:33



21.Rxe3 29 **Be4** 21 **22.Ng5** 5:33 **Nxg5** 4:57 **23.Qxg5** 15 aiming for Rxe4!
23...Qg6 0.23/23 51
[23...h6 -0.20/22 feels stronger.
24.Qf4 a5 25.Rxe4 *(25.f3? g5-+* Deflection*)* 25...dxe4 26.Bxf7+ Kh8 27.Rxd8 Rxd8]
24.h4 6:56
[24.Qxg6 simplifies Bxg6 25.g4 c6 26.Kg2]
24...c6 1:40 **25.f3** 1:35 **h6** 4:41



26.Qf4 1:45
[26.Qxg6 simplifies Bxg6 27.Kh2 Rfe8 28.g4]
26...Bc2 1:11 **27.Rd2** 6:28 **Bxb3** 3:14
28.axb3 2 **Rfe8** 1:27 **29.b4** 2:02 **Re6** 0.09/24 54
[29...Ra8!∓ -0.41/23]
30.Kh2 3:14 **Rde8** 2:25

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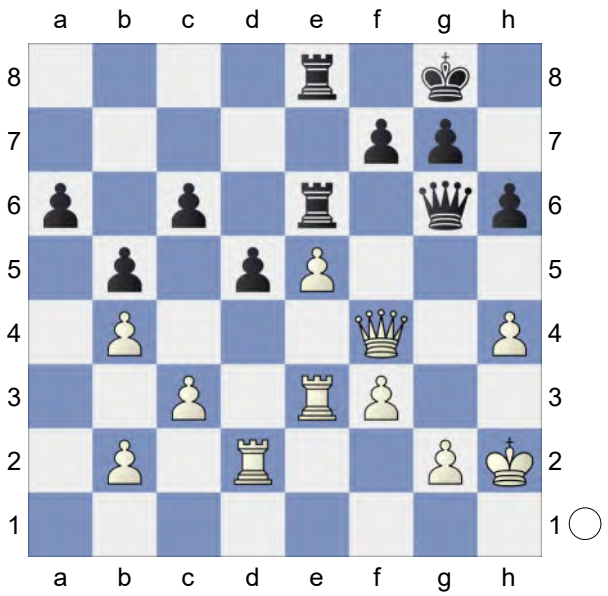
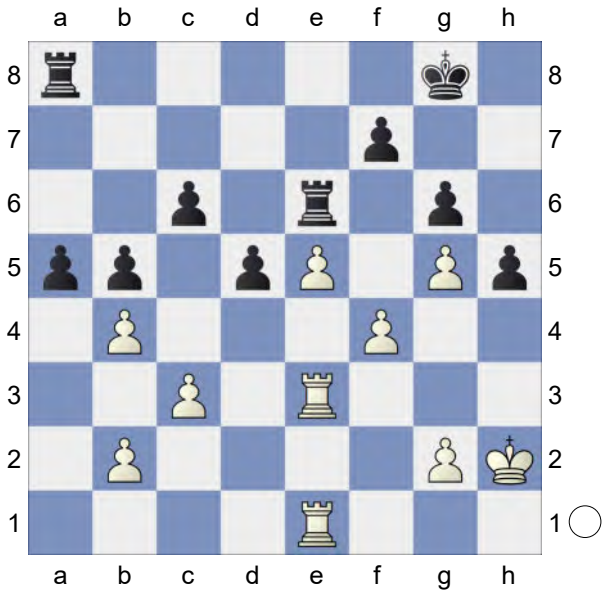


31.Rde2 16 **h5** 3:55 **32.Re1** 3:33 **Ra8** 2:03 **33.Qg5** 3:59 **a5** 1:50 **34.f4** -0.26/26 2:38

[White should play 34.Qxg6± 0.35/24 Rxg6 35.bxa5]

34...Qxg5 28 **35.hxg5** 5 Endgame. KRR-KRR **35...g6** 0.34/23 1:25

[35...axb4= -0.08/23 deserves consideration. 36.cxb4 f6]



36.bxa5± 3:57 **Rxa5** 5

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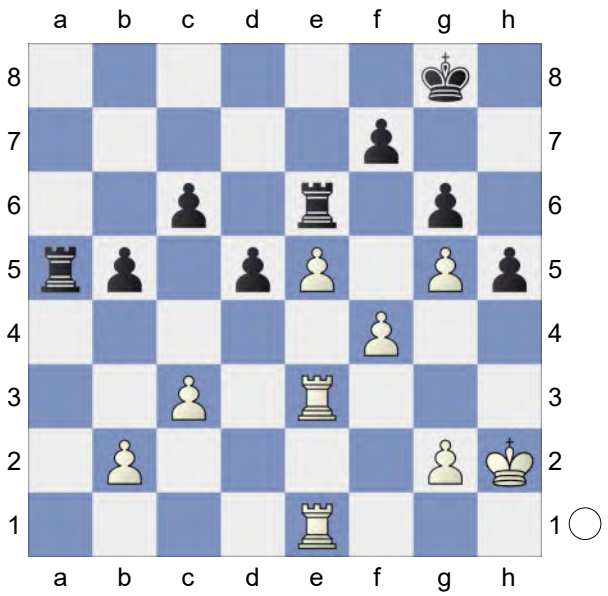
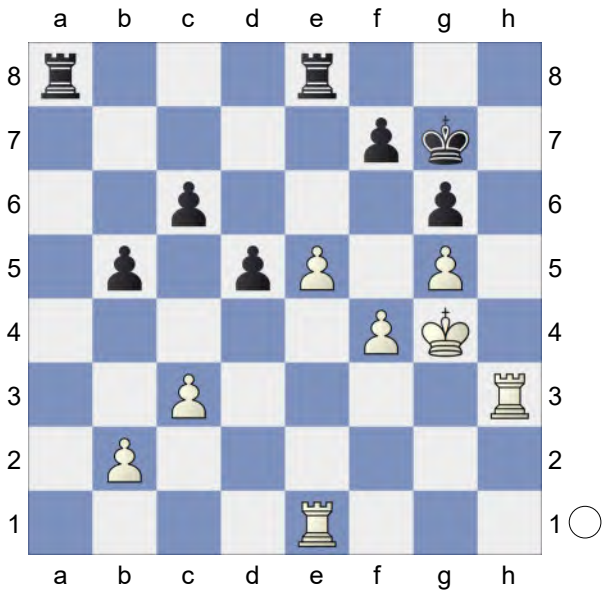


37.g4! 50 **hxg4** 46 **38.Kg3** 24 **Kg7** 2:46 **39.Kxg4** 54 **Ra8** 1.28/27 17

[39...Re8= 0.26/25]

40.Rh3 0 **Ree8** 0



41.Reh1 6:37 **Kf8** 7:34 **42.e6** 21:37 **Ra4?** 2.97/25 13:20 This move loses the game for Black.

[42...fxe6± 1.24/24 was called for. 43.Rh6 b4 44.Rxg6 *(44.cxb4 e5±)* 44...Ke7]

43.exf7+- 0 **Re7** 2:02 **44.Rh8+** 0 **Kxf7** 3 **45.R1h6** 0 **Ree4** 1:35

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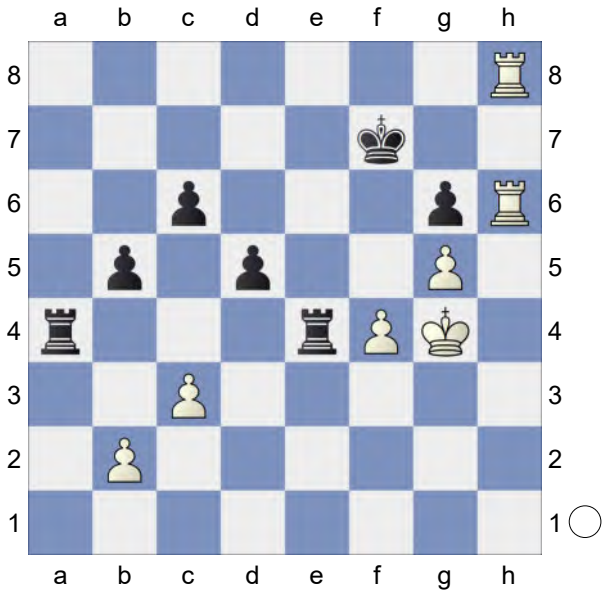
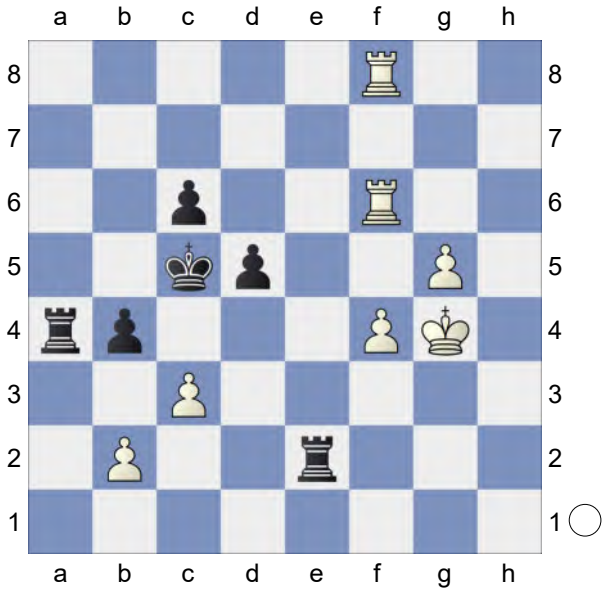


46.R6h7+ 0 **Ke6** 15 **47.Rf8** 0 **Kd6** 2:19 **48.Rg7** 0 **b4** 2:43 **49.Rxg6+** 3:07 **Kc5** 10 **50.Rgf6** 2:45 **Re2** 1:01



51.Rc8 1:32 **Ra6** 56 **52.cxb4+** 57 White is clearly winning. **52...Kxb4** 58 **53.Rcxc6** 55 **Ra1** 29 **54.Rfd6** 1:58 **Rd1** 23 **55.g6** 1:00 **d4** 6.83/23 30

[⌓55...Re8 4.81/20 56.Rd7 Rg1+ 57.Kf5 Rg8 58.Rb7+ *(58.Rxd5 Rg2+-)* 58...Ka5]

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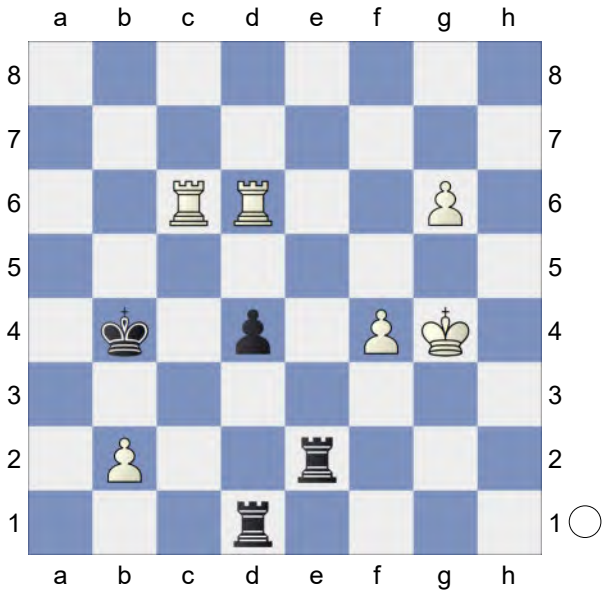
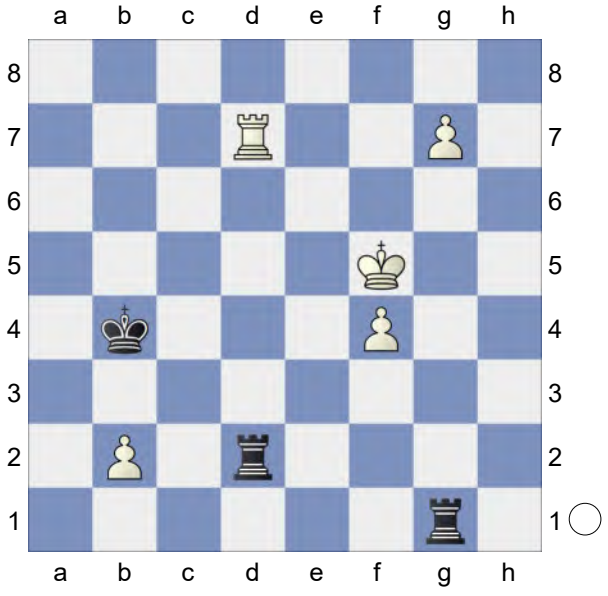


56.Kf5 40 Rc8 is the strong threat. **56...Rg2** 31 **57.Rc7** 57 **d3** 49 **58.Rcd7** 1:45 **d2** 20 **59.g7** 50 **Rdg1** 1:32 **60.Rxd2** 38 **Rxd2** 6



61.Rxd2 8 White threatens Kf6 and mate. **61...Rxg7** 6 **62.Kf6** 22

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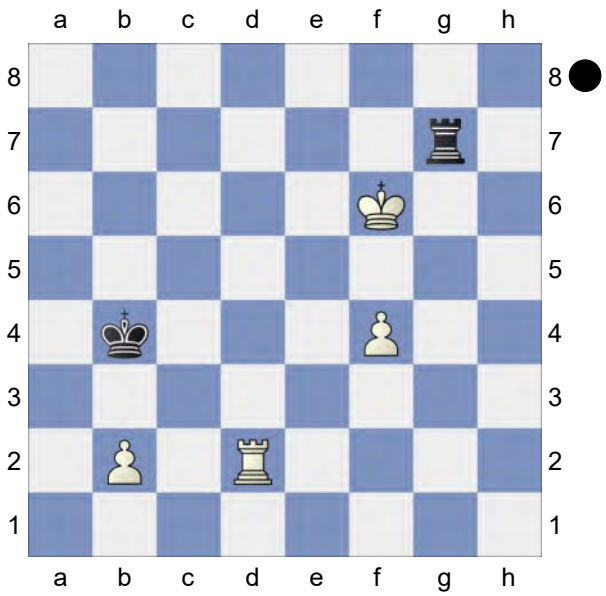

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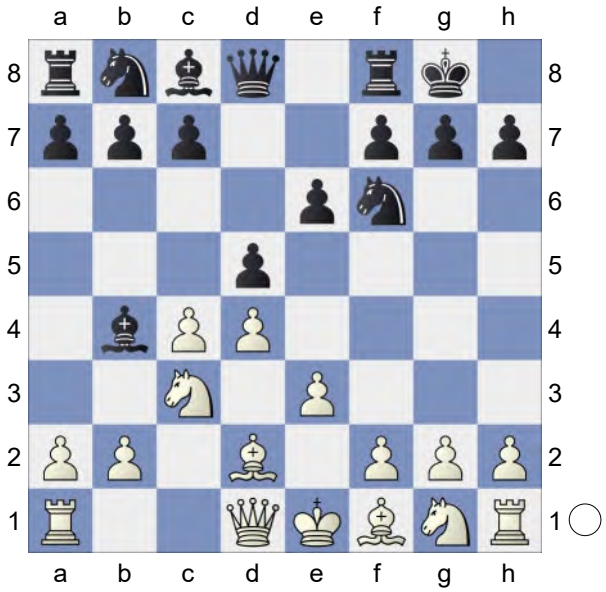
42 **E51**
□ **Khademalsharieh,Sarasadat** **2458**
■ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2561**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (6.2)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
E51: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4...0-0 5
Nf3 d5 **1.d4** 6 **d5** 8 **2.c4** 13 **e6** 11
3.Nc3 15 **Bb4** 7 **4.e3** 1:50 **Nf6** 18
5.Bd2 1:22 **0-0** 10



6.Nf3 1:09 **b6** 15 **7.cxd5** 16 **exd5** 7
8.Rc1 21 **Be7** 3:02 **9.Bd3** 1:07 **c5** 8:14
10.0-0 5:42 The position is equal.
10...Nc6 58

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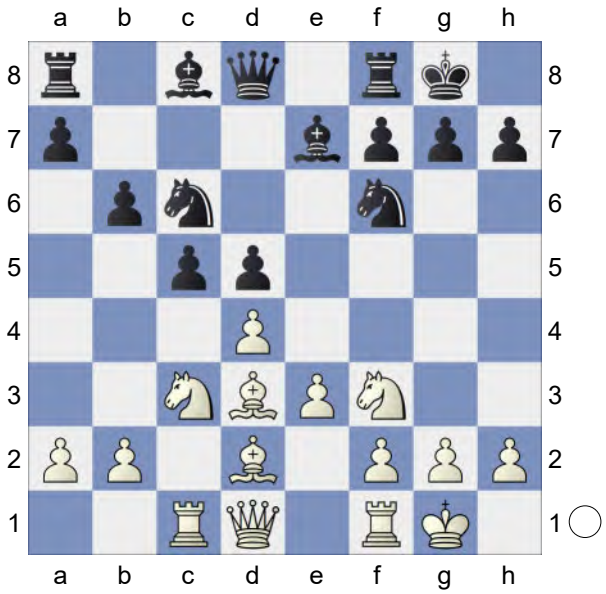
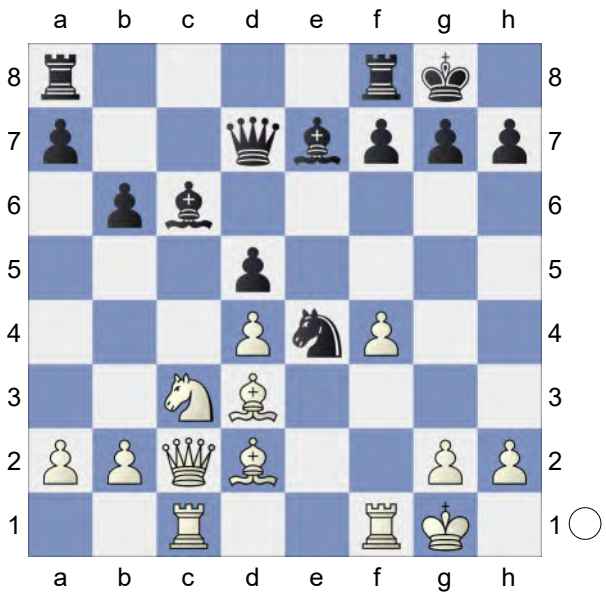
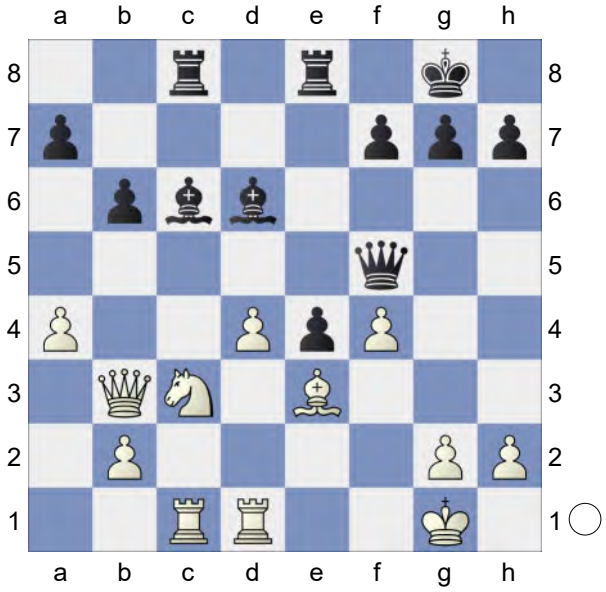


11.Ne5 9:41 **Bb7** 32 **12.f4N** 6:27
[12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.Ne2 Bd6 15.Nd4 Bd7 16.Nf5 Be5 17.f4 Bxb2 18.Rxc5 Qb6 19.Ne7+ Kh8 20.Ra5 d4 21.e4 Bc3 22.Rg5 Qb4 23.Nd5 Nxd5 24.Rxd5 Bc6 25.a3 Qxa3 26.Bc1 Qa4 0-1 Georgescu,T (2466)-Costache,A (1977) ROM-chT Mamaia 2024 (6.5)]
12...cxd4 5:34 **13.Nxc6** 11 **Bxc6** 5
14.exd4 4 **Qd7** 11:19 **15.Qc2** 12:53
Ne4 11:04

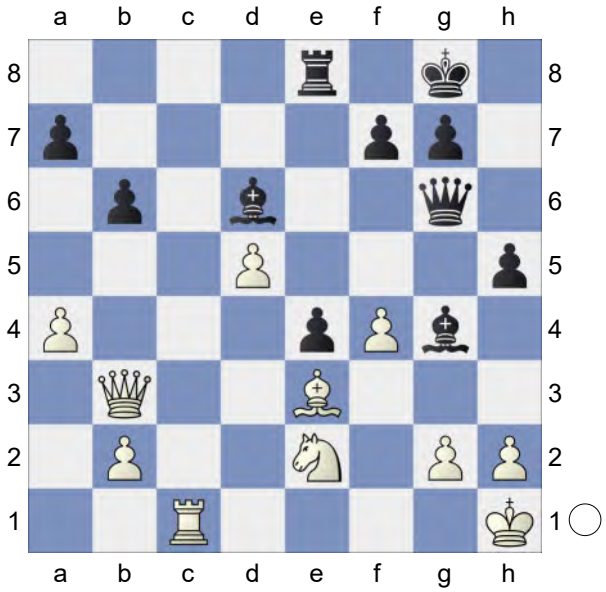


16.Be3 3:01 **Rac8** 6:09 **17.Bxe4**

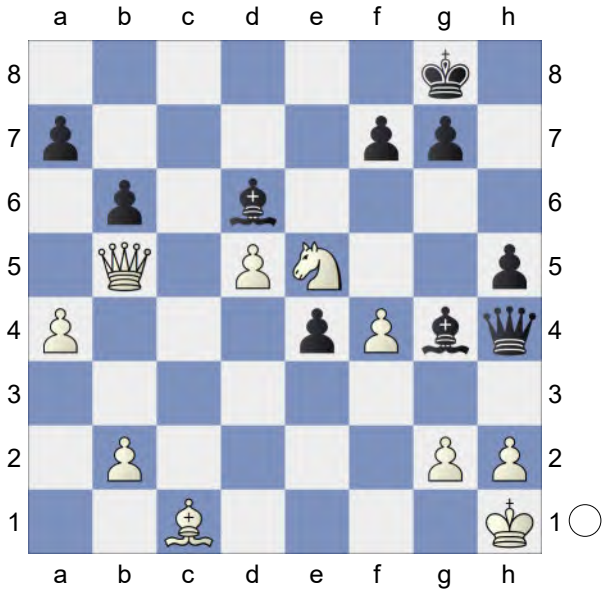
-0.77/23 10:44
[17.Nxe4= -0.01/22 remains equal. dxe4 18.Bxe4]
17...dxe4∓ 8 **18.Qb3** 2 Against Bb5
18...Rfe8 5:48 **19.Rfd1** 2:10 **Bd6** 2:37
20.a4 8:57 **Qf5** 2:22



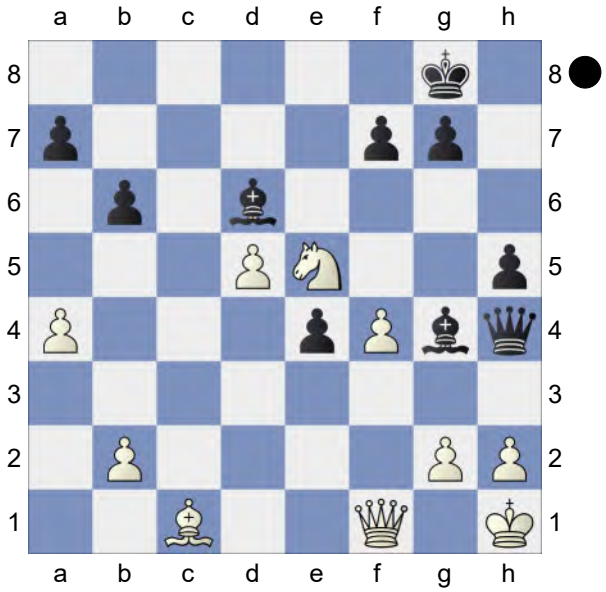
21.Rf1 5:04 **Bd7** 8 **22.d5** 2:02 **h5** 8:00
23.Ne2 2:52 **Rxc1** 2:09 **24.Rxc1** 26
Qg6 6:25 **25.Kh1** 3:09 **Bg4** 28



A strong pair of Bishops. **26.Qb5** 1:57
Re7→ 3:19 White needs to defend precisely. **27.Nd4** 1:00 Against Bf3
27...Qf6 4:54 **28.Nc6** 2:09 **Rc7** 19
29.Ne5 -1.18/26 2:22 **Rxc1+** 6:27
30.Bxc1 5 **Qh4** 1:13

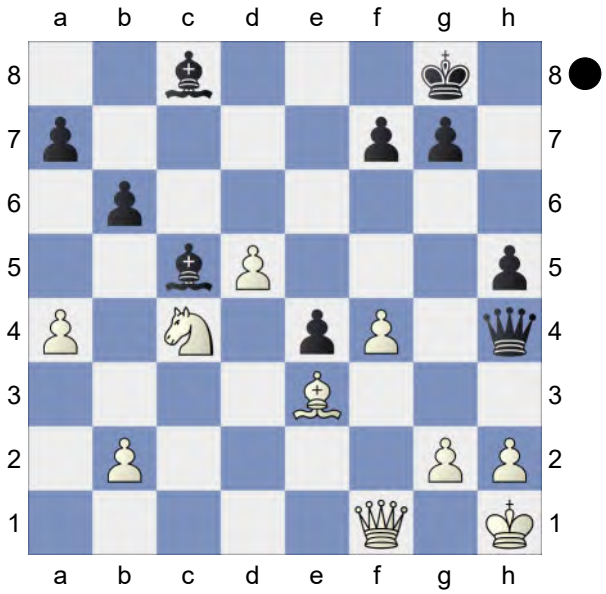


31.Qf1 3:45

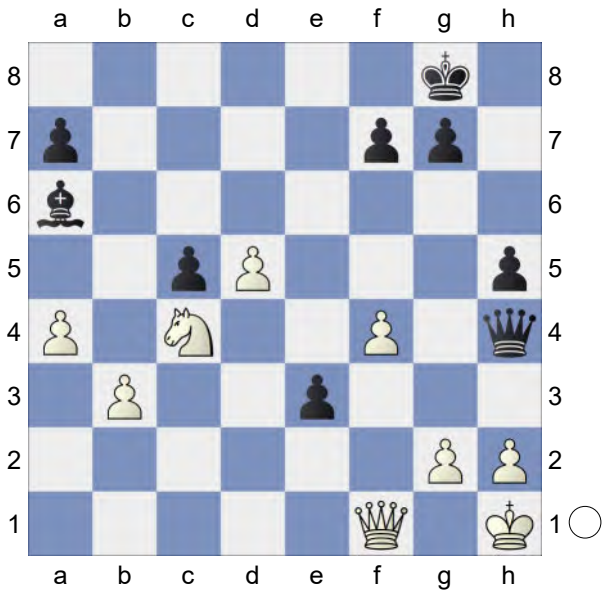


Wards off Qe1 **31...Bc5!** 2:44
Dodges Be3 **32.Nc4** 10:59 **Bc8** 4:14
Black is more active. **33.Be3** 45

(Diagram)



Ba6! 1:14 **34.Bxc5** 5 **bxc5-+** 3
Endgame. KQB-KQN **35.b3** 1:22 **e3** 1:16



Threatens to win with ...Bxc4. **36.g3** 1:58
Qd8 -0.94/25 3:01
[⌓36...Qf6 -1.32/25 Strongly threatening ...Qc3. 37.Qe2 Qd4 38.Qxe3 Bxc4 *(38...Qxd5+ 39.Kg1∓)* 39.Qe8+ *(39.Qxd4? cxd4 40.bxc4 d3-+)* 39...Kh7 40.bxc4 Qxc4]
37.Qf3 35

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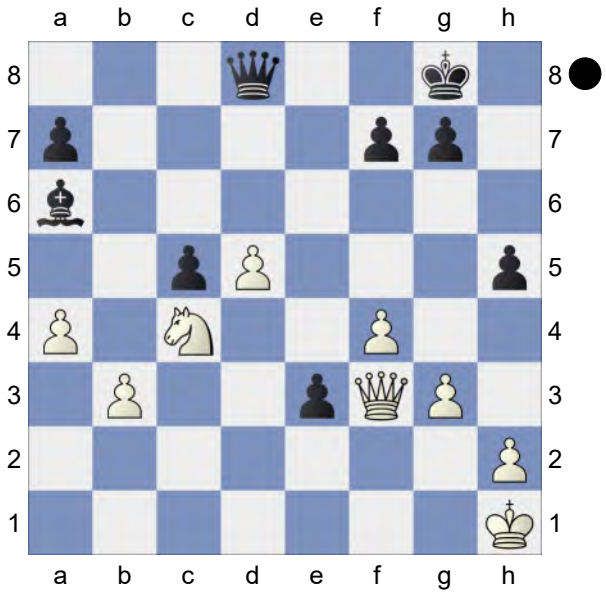
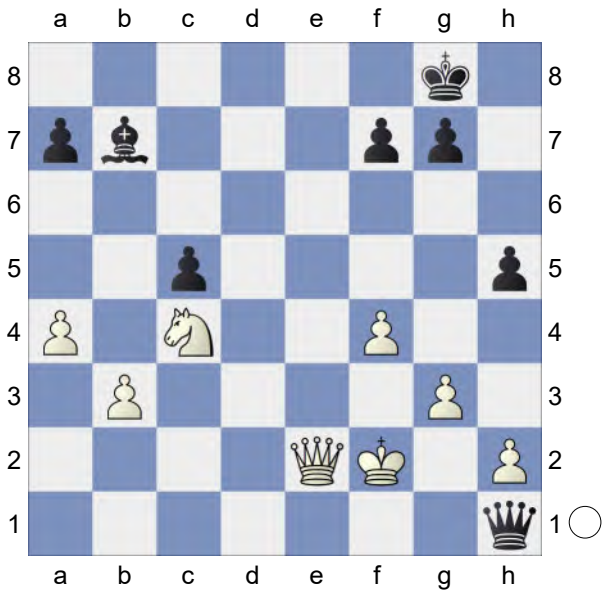
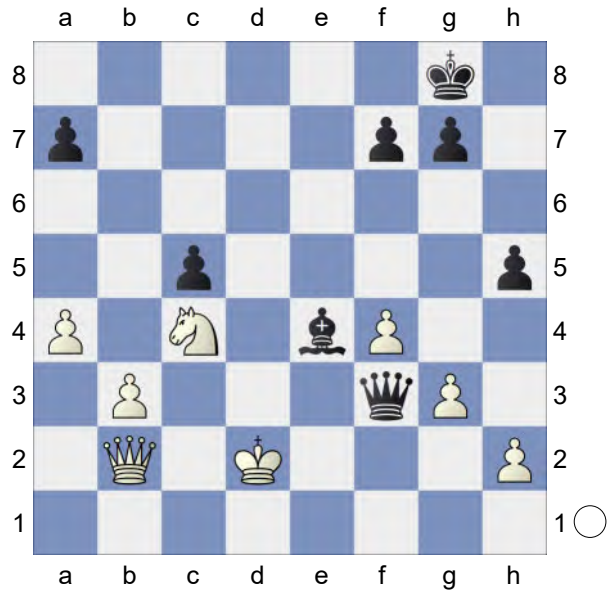


e2 22 Deflection **38.Qxe2** 6 **Qxd5+** 3
39.Kg1 6 **Bb7** 10 Hoping for ...Qh1+.
40.Kf2 0 **Qh1** 0

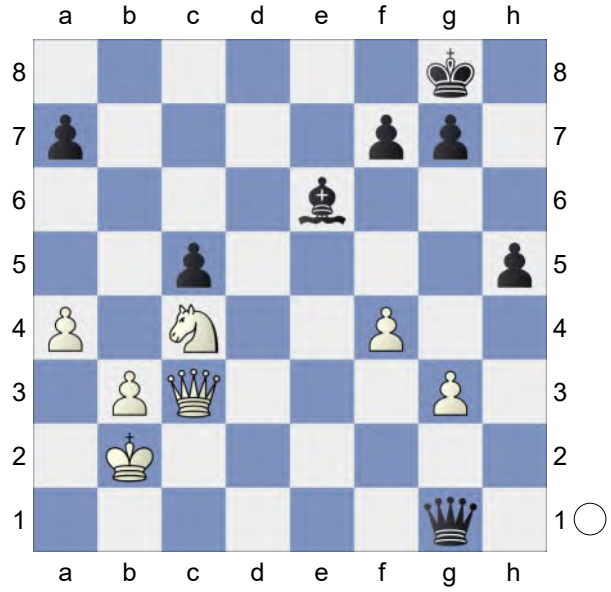


41.Ke3 3:22 **Qb1** -0.39/24 6:57
[41...Be4∓ -0.82/21 42.Qxh5 Qg1+ 43.Kd2 *(43.Kxe4? loses. Qd4+ 44.Kf5 g6+-+)* 43...Qd4+ 44.Ke1 Qc3+ 45.Nd2 Bd3]
42.Qb2 -1.33/24 10:38
[42.Nd2!∓ -0.39/24 Qf5 43.Qd3 Qe6+ 44.Kf2]
42...Qe4+ 54 **43.Kd2** 1:20 **Qg2+** 1:48
44.Kc3 1:37 **Qf3+** 11 **45.Kd2** 5 **Be4**

5:12



(→ ...Qf2+) **46.Qc3** 3:29 **Qg2+** 1:11 **47.Kc1** 1:56 **Qxh2** 34 **48.Nd2** 38 **Qg1+** 3:34 **49.Kb2** 5 **Bf5** 2:36 **50.Nc4** 5:15 **Be6** 2:02



51.Nd6 38 **Qg2+** 7:11 **52.Ka3** 33 **Qc6** 11 **53.Nc4** 2:19 **Qd5** 8 **54.Ne5** 2:46 **f6** 5:01 **55.Nc4** -2.38/24 28

[55.Nf3∓ -1.58/24]

55...Kh7 35

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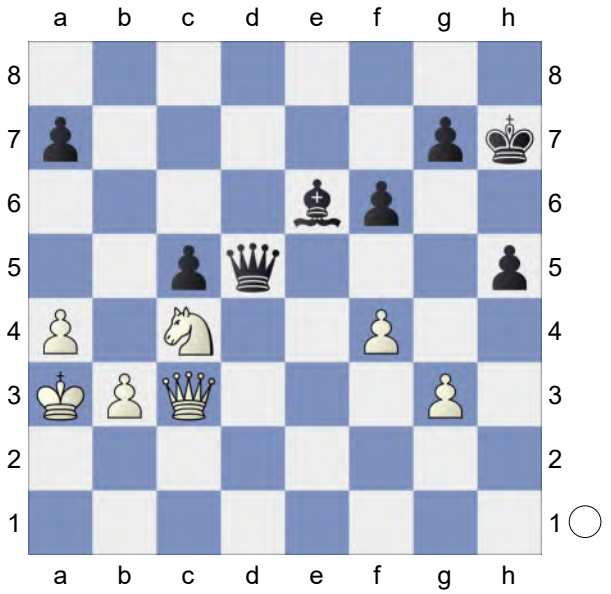


56.Qe1 -2.21/23 1:33

[56.Nd2∓ -1.50/21 might work better.]

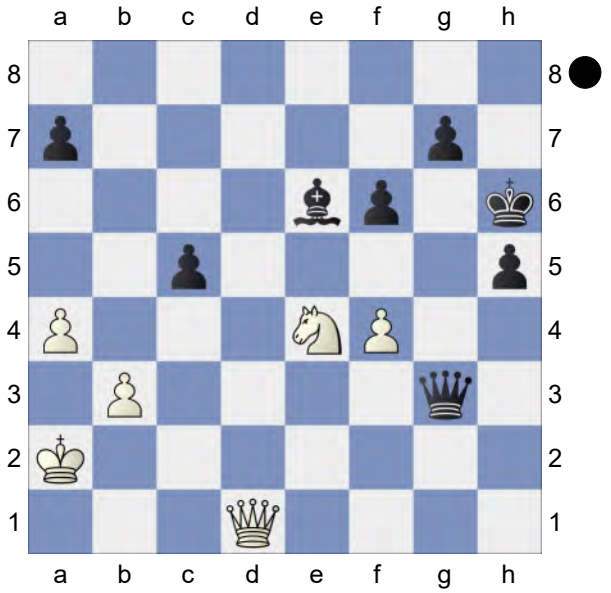
56...Qd4 46 **57.Nd2?** -5.08/24 2:37

[57.Nb2 -2.23/24 was worth a try. Bd5 58.Ka2]

57...Qc3 1:08 ...Bxb3! is the strong threat. Black is clearly winning. **58.Qd1** 30 **Kh6** 39

[58...Qxg3 59.Qxh5+ Kg8 60.Qe8+ *(60.Qxc5 Qxf4 61.Nc4 Qb8∓)* 60...Kh7 61.Qxe6+-]

59.Ka2 23 **Qxg3** 21 **60.Ne4** 9



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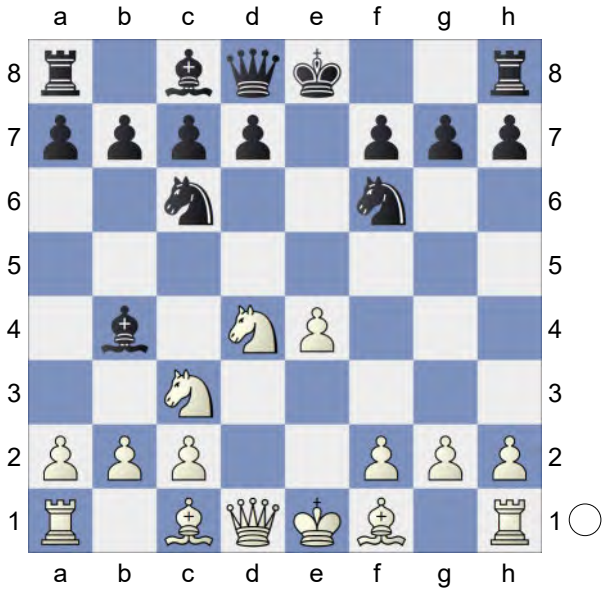
43 **C47**
□ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2515**
■ **Kosteniuk,Alexandra** **2484**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (6.3)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min
C47: Scotch Four Knights and Four Knights with 4 g3 **1.e4** 4 **e5** 9 **2.Nf3** 25 **Nc6** 15 **3.Nc3** 1:03 **Nf6** 10 **4.d4** 44 **exd4** 15 **5.Nxd4** 5 **Bb4** 15



6.Nxc6 12 **bxc6** 7 **7.Bd3** 9 **0-0** 1:16 **8.0-0** 2:01 **d5** 21 **9.exd5** 34 **cxd5** 5 **10.h3** 4:23 Prevents Bg4. **10...Be6** 7:11

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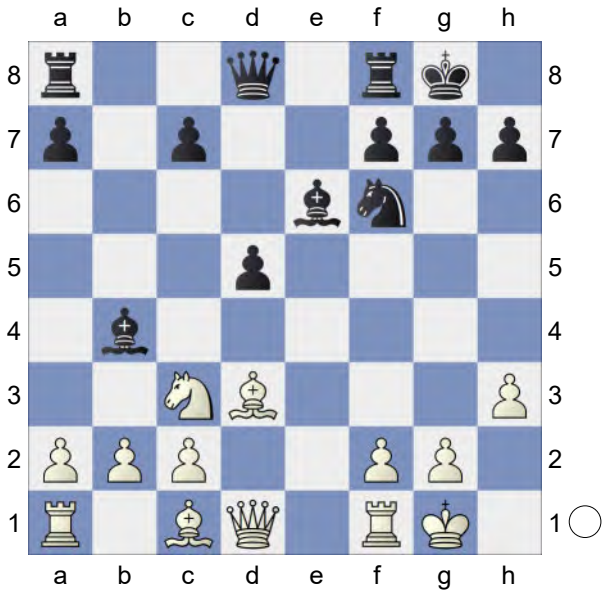

11.Qf3 2:56 **c5** 3:23 **12.Rd1** 6:10 **Qe7N** 7:43

[12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qa5 14.Bg5 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Qg3 Kh8 17.a4 Rfe8 *(17...h6 18.Bf4 f6 19.Rd8 Bg8 20.Qh4 Bh7 21.Qg3 Qc7 22.Bg5 c4 23.Bd2* 5) Cómo crear posibilidades-Nakamura,H Comprendiendo La Escocesa Cuatro Caball*)* 18.Rd6 h6 19.Bf4 Re7 20.Qe3 Rc8 21.Bxh6 f6 22.Qxe4 Qxc3 23.Rad1 Rce8 24.Rd8 Bg8 25.Qh4 Qxc2 26.R1d3 Bh7 27.R3d7 1-0 Nakamura,H (2780)-Caruana,F (2786) FIDE Grand Swiss Douglas 2023 (10)]

[12...h6 13.Bf4 Qe7 14.Qg3 c4 15.Be2 Kh8 16.Be5 Rfd8 17.Bf3 Bd6 18.Nb5 Bxe5 19.Qxe5 Rab8 20.Nd4 Qd6 21.Qxd6 Rxd6 22.b3 Bd7 23.Ne2 Rc8 24.Rd2 Bf5 25.Nd4 Be4 26.Rad1 Ra6 27.a4 0-1 Gavrilescu,D (2545)-Kantor,G (2554) Alba Iulia Final ROM GP Gp-B rapid 2024 (2)]

13.Bg5 27 **h6** 9:50

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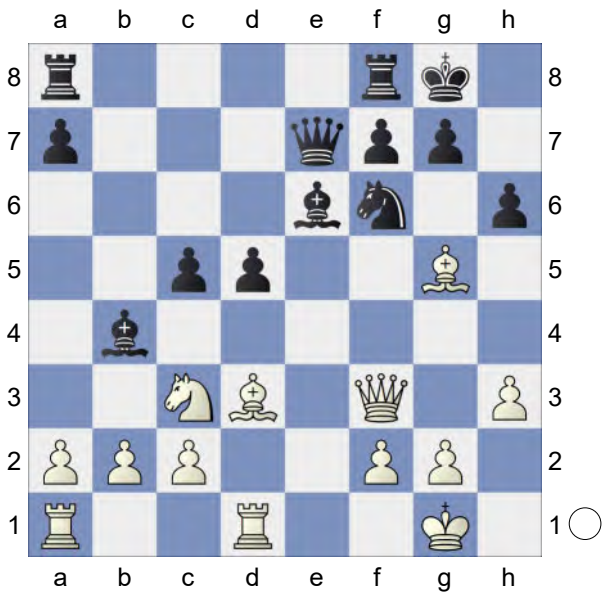
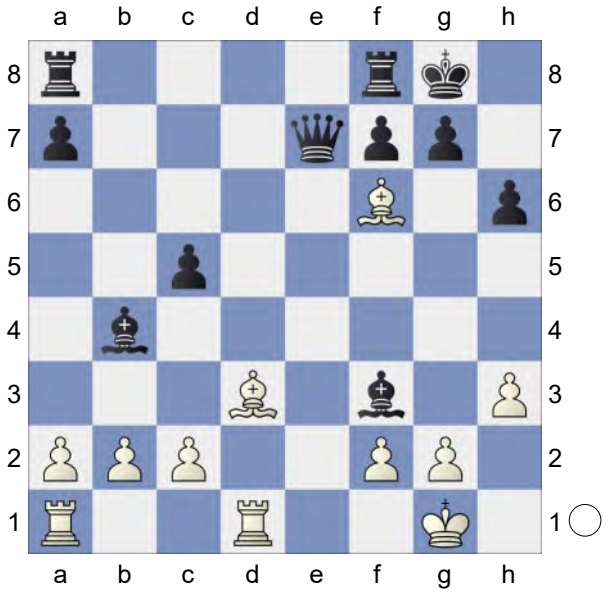


14.Nxd5! 1:13 **Bxd5** 17 **15.Bxf6** 5 **Bxf3** 13



16.Bxe7 7 **Bxd1** 9 **17.Bxf8** 7 Black must now prevent Bd6. White is more active. **17...Bxc2** 30 **18.Bxc5** 28 **Bxc5** 28 **19.Bxc2±** 5 Endgame. KRB-KRB **19...Rd8** 2:09 **20.Re1** 34 **Kf8** 1:54

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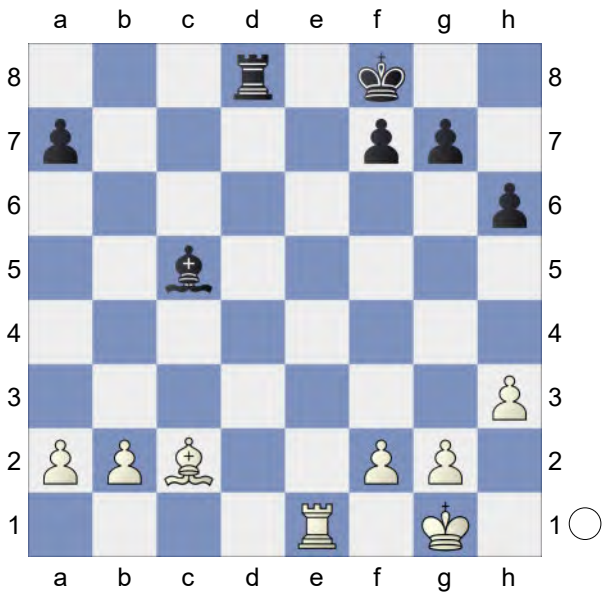
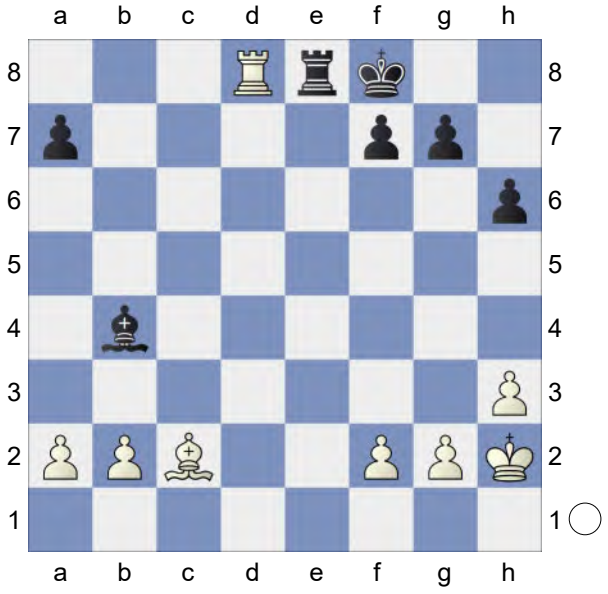
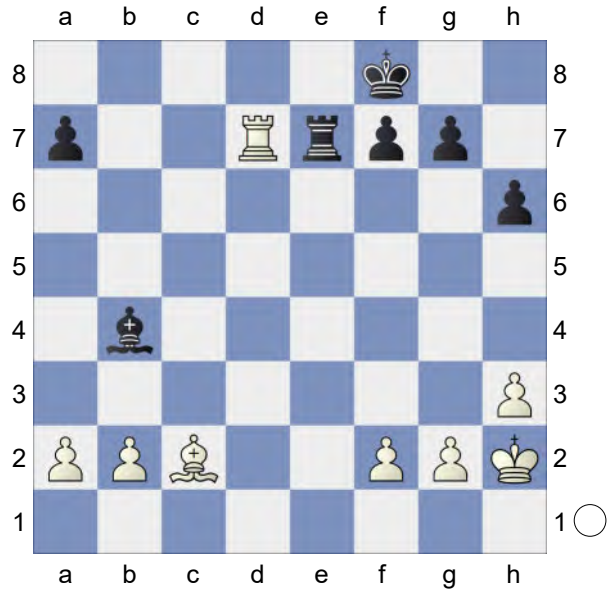


21.Re2 2:38 Prevents Rd2 **21...Re8** 5:06
22.Rd2 0.08/27 2:35
[22.Kf1± 0.72/24]
22...Bb4= 2:38 **23.Rd7** 2:55 **Re1+** 40
24.Kh2 6 **Re7** 0.76/25 10:27
[24...Re2= 0.09/26 25.Bb3 Rxf2]
25.Rd8+± 7:19 **Re8** 13



26.Rd7 -0.01/25 20
[26.Rxe8+± 0.67/22 Kxe8 27.Kg1]
26...Re7= 6 **27.Rd8+** 0.01/5 16
[Better is 27.Rd4± 0.66/22 Re2 28.Rxb4 Rxc2 29.Rb8+ Ke7 30.Kg3]

27...Re8 5 **28.Rd7** -0.01/21 2
[28.Rxe8+± 0.62/22 Kxe8 29.Kg1]
28...Re7 22



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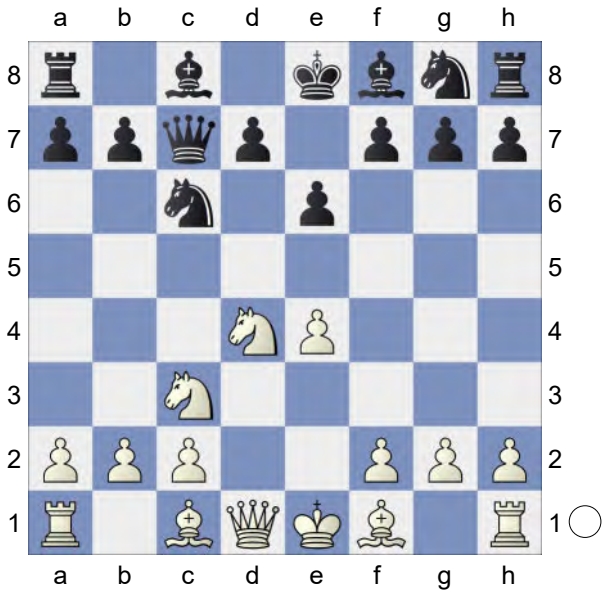
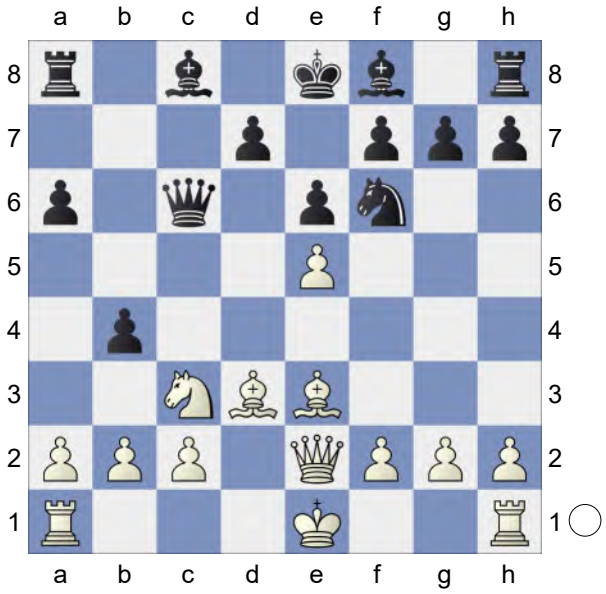
44 **B48**
□ **Assaubayeva,Bibisara** **2492**
■ **Munguntuul,Batkhuyag** **2331**
FIDE Women GP Monaco 2024-25 (6.4)
[Kitty Kat]

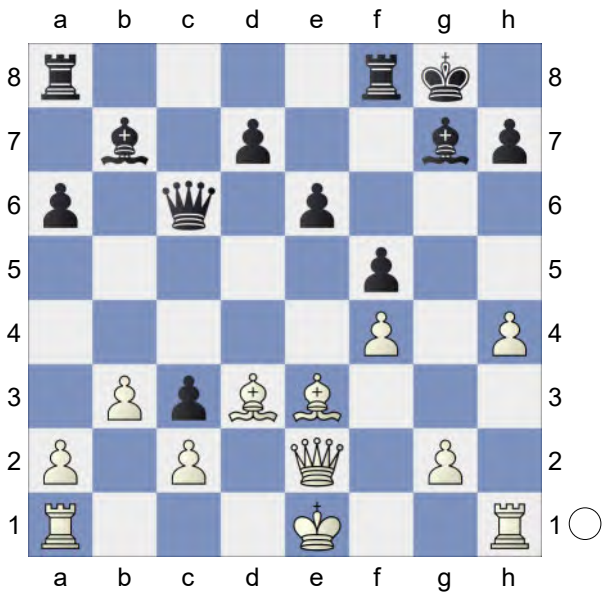
Blitz 1min
B48: Sicilian: Taimanov: 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 Be3 a6 without Be2 ChessBase II: 'SCHACH 1/1982' **1.e4** 3 **c5** 7 **2.Nf3** 8 **e6** 4 **3.d4** 13 **cxd4** 4 **4.Nxd4** 6 **Nc6** 4
[4...d6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 b6 9.b3 Bb7 10.Bb2 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Rc1 Re8 13.Bb1 Bf8 14.Qd3 g6 15.Rcd1 Qc7 16.Qg3 Rad8 17.Qh4 Qc5 18.Na4 Qh5 19.Qxh5 0-1 Pokojowczyk,J (2390)-Vogt,L (2455) Telechess ol2 8182 telex 1981 (2.2)]
5.Nc3 6
[5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 44/01 2001]
5...Qc7 4



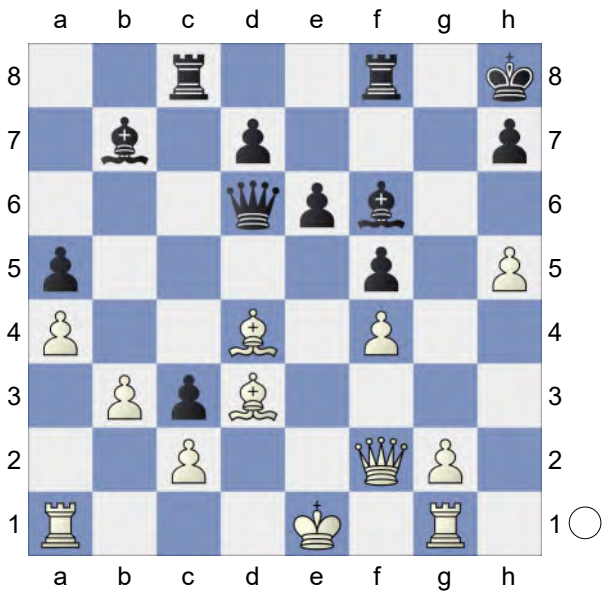
6.Be3N 7
[6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nce2 0-0 10.c4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.b3 Bd7 13.Bb2 Bc6 14.Rac1 b6 15.Nc3 Qb7 16.Rfe1 Rfd8 17.Qe3 Re8 18.Qd2 b5 19.Nd5 exd5 20.cxd5 Bd7 ½-½ Damjanovic,M-Browne,W 8/457 San Juan 1969 21.e5 Ng4 22.h3 Nh6 23.e6 Bc8 24.g4 Qb8 25.g5 Nf5 26.Be4 fxe6 27.Bxf5 e5 28.Qd3 Bxf5 29.Qxf5 Qd8 30.h4 Rf8 31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.Re4 Qb6 33.Rc2 Rae8 34.Rxe5 Qd8 35.Rf5 Rg8 ½-½ Sarbay-Leuthold_H/Schlumpf_H 107/(248) Bischwiller 2009]
6...a6 18 **7.Bd3** 14 **Nf6** 3:51 **8.Qe2** 37 **b5** 11:17 **9.Nxc6** 2:06 **Qxc6** 16:09 **10.e5** 2:39 **b4!** 1:23



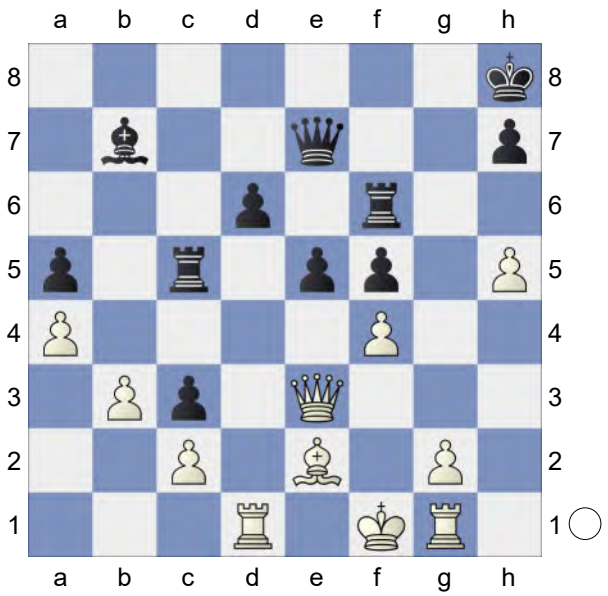
11.exf6 30 **bxc3** 13 **12.fxg7** 28 **Bxg7** 29 **13.b3** 7 **0-0** 1.17/23 22:35
[13...Qxg2= 0.01/20 keeps the balance. 14.0-0-0 Qc6]
14.h4 -0.06/22 13:23
[White should try 14.Qh5± 1.17/23 f5 15.Rg1]
14...f5 0.32/21 0
[14...d5= -0.06/22 is more appropriate. 15.f4 Qd6]
15.f4± 8:55 **Bb7** 0



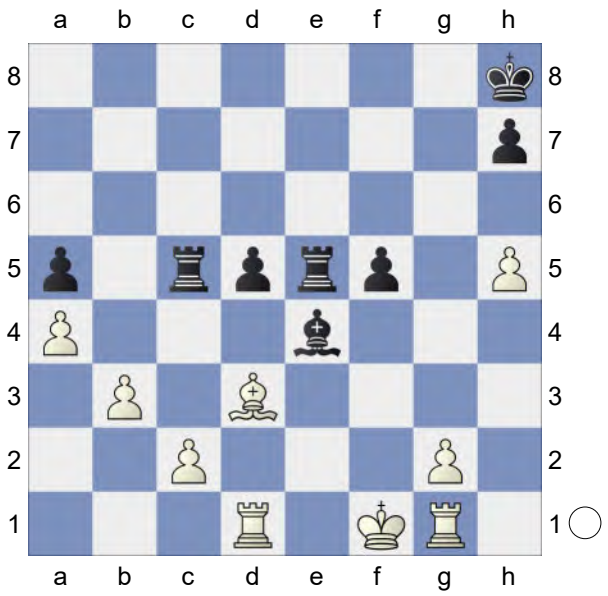
16.h5 2:05 **Kh8** 0
[16...Qxg2? loses. 17.Qxg2 Bxg2 18.Rg1+-]
17.Rg1 11:23 **Bf6** 0.29/23 0
[Black should play 17...e5 -0.28/21 18.0-0-0 exf4 19.Bxf4 Qc5]
18.Qf2= 8:58 **a5** 3:43 **19.a4** 3:56 **Rac8** 4:53 **20.Bd4** 7:11 **Qd6** 2:42



21.Bxf6+ 7 **Rxf6** 9 **22.Qe3** 14 **Rc5** 15:16 **23.Rd1** 7:50 White wants to play Be4! **23...Qe7** 1:06 **24.Be2** 4:16 **e5** 7:56 **25.Kf1** 5:23 aiming for Rxd7! **25...d6** 1:59



26.Bc4 3:00 **Be4** 5:14 **27.Qxc3** 3:39
[27.g4 is more complex. fxg4 28.Rxg4 Rxc4 29.bxc4 Bxc2 30.Rc1]
27...d5 0.59/21 20
[27...Rf8= -0.14/20 28.fxe5 Rxe5]
28.Qxe5± 46 **Qxe5** 19 **29.fxe5** 2 **Re6** 42 **30.Bd3** 34 **Rxe5** 5



31.Kf2 3:47 **Bxd3** 2:11

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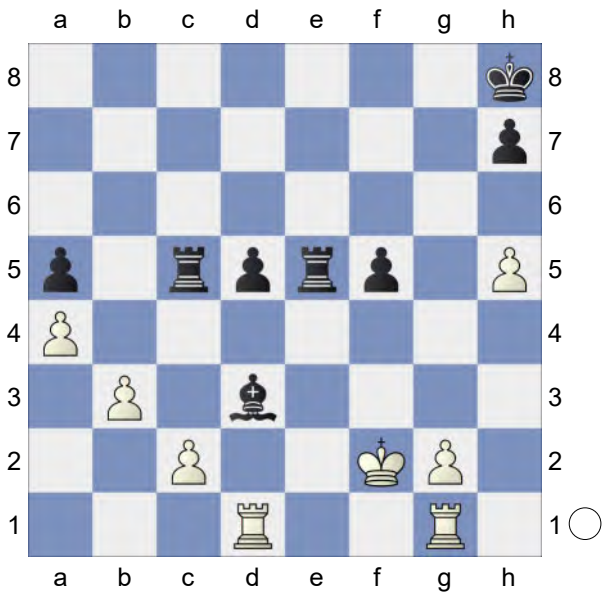
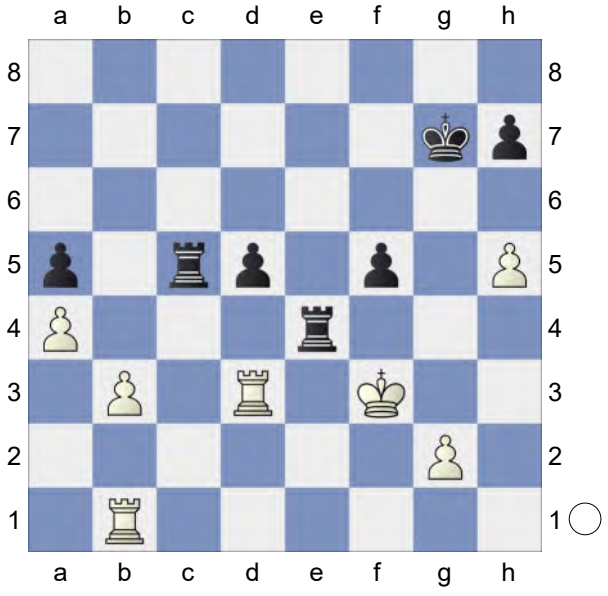


Remove Defender **32.Rxd3** 0.01/23 45
[32.cxd3± 0.42/25 Kg7 33.Rge1 Rxe1 34.Rxe1]
32...Rxc2+ 6 Endgame. KRR-KRR. The position is equal. **33.Kf3** 8 **Kg7** 1:23 **34.Rgd1** 1:38 **Rc5** 1:00 **35.Rb1** 4:02 **Re4** 37



36.Rbd1 9 **Re5** 33 **37.Rb1** 2:26 **Re4** 38 **38.Rbd1** 6 **Re5!** 46

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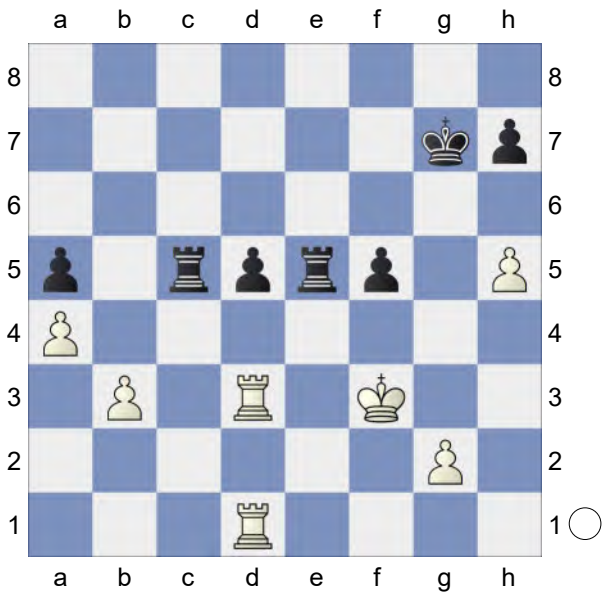

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Blitz 1min
B38: Sicilian: Maroczy Bind with 5...Bg7 and 7...0-0 Alterman,Boris: 'Alterman,B: 'Inf 66/21'' **1.c4** 5 **c5** 6 **2.Nf3** 14 **g6** 11 **3.e4** 1:49
[3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Nc2 Qb6 7.Nc3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Nf6 9.Bg2 d6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bg5 Qc5 12.Bxf6 exf6 13.Rb1 Be6 14.Rxb7 Rab8 15.Rb5 Rxb5 16.cxb5 Ne5 17.Nd4 Bxa2 ½-½ Greenfeld,A (2560)-Alterman,B (2585) 66/21 Israel 1996]
[3.e3 Bg7 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nc3 cxd4 6.exd4 0-0 7.d5 d6 8.h3 Bf5 9.Be2 Na6 10.0-0 h5 11.Nd4 Bd7 12.Be3 Nc5 13.b4 Nce4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Bf3 Nf6 16.c5 dxc5 17.bxc5 Qa5 1-0 Lie,K (2622)-Hasa (2204) 2016 British Chess Championships Bournemouth Pavilions, Bourne (2)]
3...Bg7 5 **4.d4** 10 **cxd4** 4 **5.Nxd4** 6 **Nc6N** 13
[5...Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Be2 0-0 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.0-0 Nc5 10.f3 Bd7 11.Qd2 a6 12.Rfd1 #2 7: The Maroczy Bind - sidelin-4.d4 cxd4]

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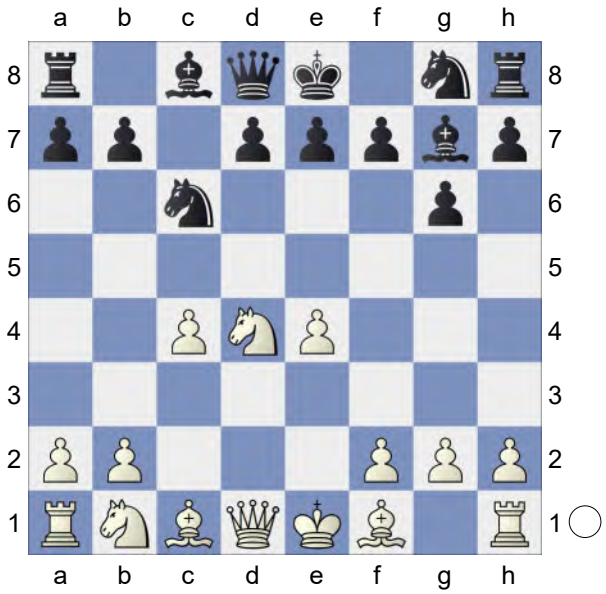
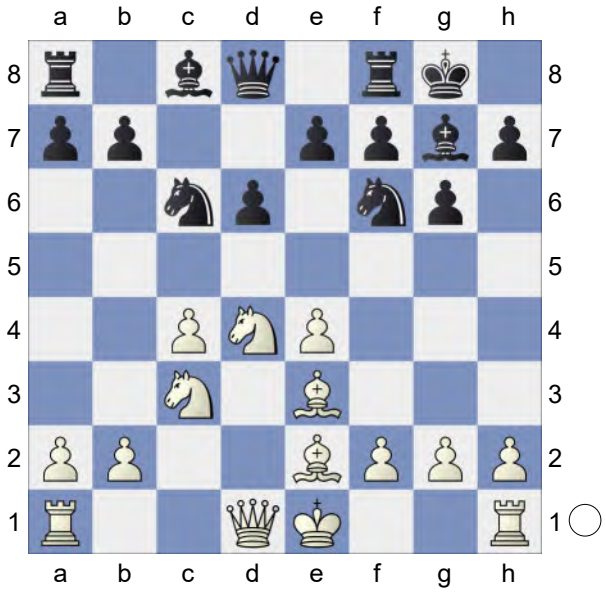


6.Be3 1:12 **Qb6** 21 **7.Nb3** 35 **Qd8** 8 **8.Nc3** 2:11 **d6** 19 **9.Be2** 4:06 **Nf6** 16 **10.Nd4** 2:57 **0-0** 21



11.0-0 1:32 **Bd7** 4 **12.h3** 3:54 **Nxd4** 9 **13.Bxd4** 6 **Bc6** 4 **14.Qc2** 3:11 **a5** 8:19 **15.Rad1** 7:48 **a4** 16:45

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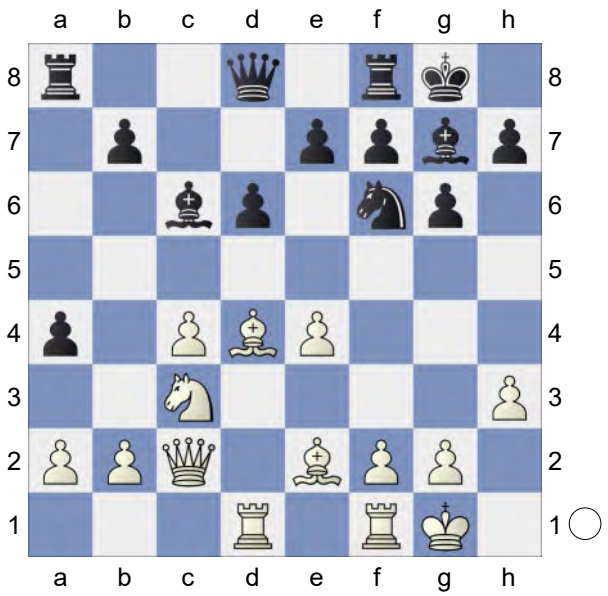
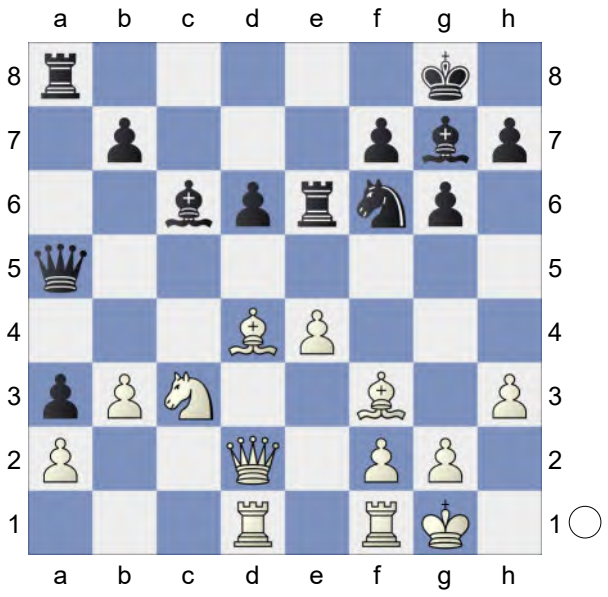


16.c5 7:27 White is slightly better. **16...Qa5** 5 **17.cxd6** 2:31 **exd6** 1 **18.Bf3** 7:42 **a3** 6:08 **19.b3** 6:40 **Rfe8** 4:30 **20.Qd2** 6:11 **Re6** 11:38



21.Rfe1 11:42 **Rae8** 5:24 **22.Re2** 2:56 **h5** 7:11 **23.Qd3** 5:11 **Bh6** 15:43 **24.Rb1** 11:08 aiming for Bxf6. **24...Qb4** 1:47 **25.Bxf6** 3:37 **Rxf6** 5

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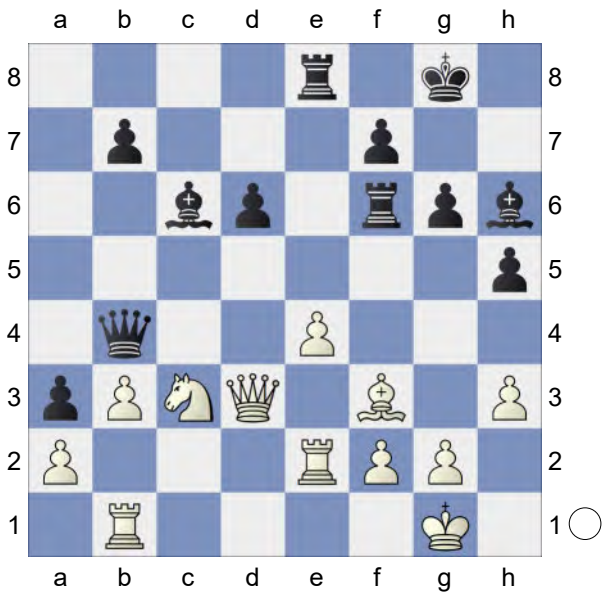
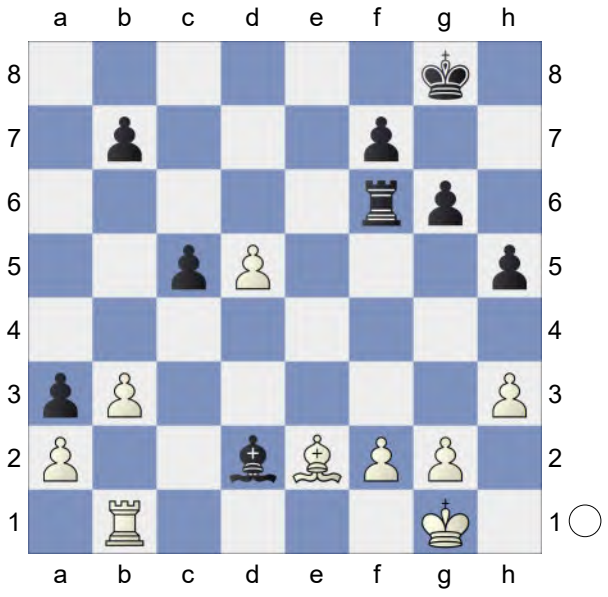


26.Qc4 20

[26.Rc2 simplifies Re5 27.Rd1 Rfe6 28.g3]

26...Qc5 6:13 **27.Nd5** 3:45 **Bxd5** 1:19 **28.exd5** 1:06 White is weak on the dark squares **28...Rxe2** 3:01 **29.Qxc5** 8 **dxc5** 3 **30.Bxe2=** 4 Endgame. KRB-KRB **30...Bd2** 5:06



31.Rd1 1:03 **Bc3** 1:06 **32.Bc4** 1:26 **Bd4** 15 **33.Rd2** 4 The position is equal. **33...Kf8** 1:45 **34.Re2** 3 **Rd6** 13 **35.g3** 37 **b5** 56

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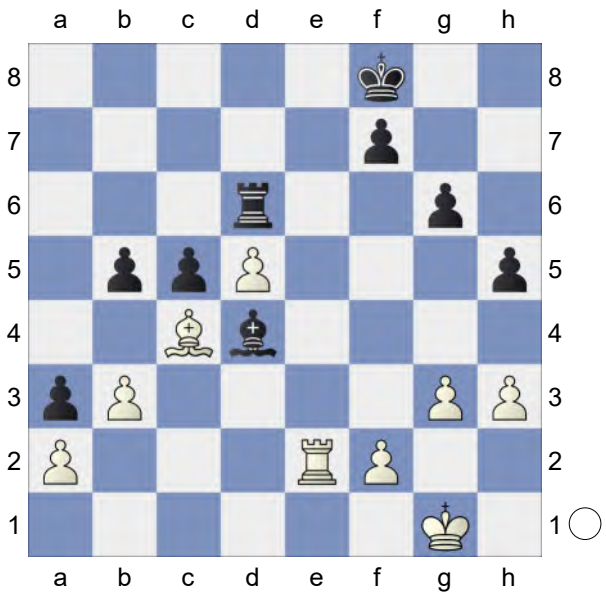
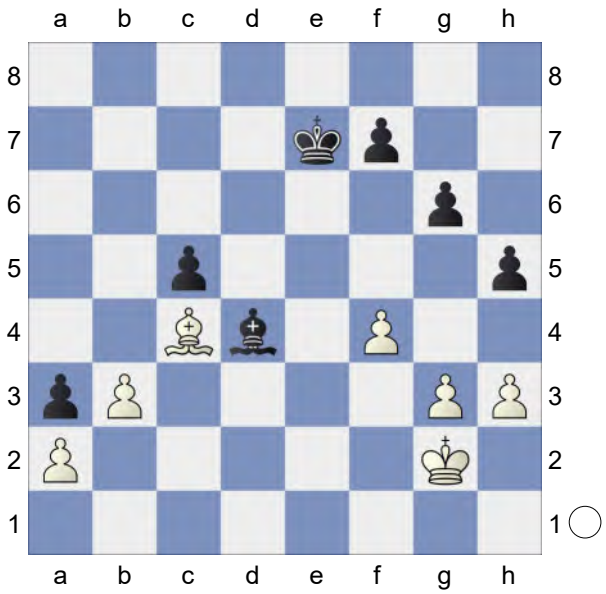


Deflection **36.Bxb5** 11 With the idea Bc6. **36...Rxd5** 2 **37.Bc4** 1:26 **Re5** 4 **38.Rxe5** 4 **Bxe5** 2 **39.Kg2** 15 **Ke7** 4 **40.f4** 0 **Bd4** 0



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